



SHICC PUBLIC HEALTH BULLETIN #28

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COVID-19 case and vaccination numbers

- **Summary:** for Western Australia (WA) to date:
 - **826,139** confirmed cases of COVID-19 notified
 - **787,534** people recovered from COVID-19
 - **3,990,853** COVID-19 PCR tests conducted
- **WA:** [Daily snapshot](#), [Vaccination dashboard](#) and [WA COVID-19 data update](#)
- **National:** [Current National Status and Australia's vaccine roll-out](#)
- **Worldwide:** [WHO Situation Reports](#) and [WHO Dashboard](#)

Living with COVID

Chief Health Officer advice

The latest advice from the Chief Health Officer is available [here](#).

- [Mandatory Vaccination of Workers and Proof of Vaccination Directions](#) – 27 May 2022

After COVID-19

Most people with COVID-19 will recover completely within a couple of weeks. Advice is available on the HealthyWA [website](#) for people who have recovered from COVID-19, including:

- how to look after your health after the acute infection has resolved
- what to do if symptoms persist for an extended period
- what to do if you're exposed to COVID-19 again
- what to do if you develop COVID-like symptoms again.

People [diagnosed](#) with COVID-19 and people who are [close contacts](#) should refer to the relevant advice available on HealthyWA.

COVID-19 mandatory vaccination policy

The [updated](#) mandatory vaccination policy requirements came into effect on 20 June 2022.

The remaining workforces required to be vaccinated to enter their workplace are limited to those working with the most vulnerable in our community, to protect them from severe disease. The affected workforces are:

- healthcare and health support workers in hospitals and primary healthcare settings
- workers in residential aged care
- workers in residential disability settings.

The [Department of Health](#) and [WA Government](#) websites have further information available, including frequently asked questions and advice for [healthcare](#) and health support workers.

Remote Aboriginal communities

From 15 June 2022, the [restriction](#) on access to remote Aboriginal communities will be lifted. Some communities may wish to implement their own closures or requirements of entry, and visitors are encouraged to check before visiting.

More information is available at the WA Government [website](#).

COVID-19 in the workplace

WA Health published *COVID-19: Information for Tour Operators*, which provides the tourism industry advice for minimising the risk of COVID-19 transmission. This includes infection prevention and control guidance, what to do if someone tests positive to COVID-19 and how to manage close contacts. Refer to the full publication on the Department of Health [website](#) under the 'Travel, accommodation and shared living' accordion.

Business and industry should refer to the Department of Health [website](#) regularly to access the most up-to-date advice.

COVID-19 vaccination program

Boosters for eligible 12 to 15-year-olds

The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) [recommends](#) that a booster dose of the Comirnaty (Pfizer) COVID-19 vaccine may be given to the following adolescents aged 12 to 15 years who have completed a primary course of vaccination 3 or more months ago:

- those who are [severely immunocompromised](#)
- those who have a disability with significant or complex health needs
- those who have complex and/or multiple health conditions that increase the risk of severe COVID-19.

Self-declaration of eligibility based on the above conditions is all that is required for vaccination.

Currently, Spikevax (Moderna) and Nuvaxovid (Novavax) are not licensed for use as a booster dose in this age group.

ATAGI does not recommend that a first booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine be given to all adolescents aged 12-15 years.

ATAGI still recommends a 3-month interval between a recent confirmed COVID-19 infection and a scheduled dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

COVID-19 Vaccination clinics changes

The Ellenbrook Community COVID-19 vaccination clinic will be closing on Sunday 26 June 2022.

New pop-up clinics are running at selected shopping centres across the Perth metropolitan area, including new clinics at Wanneroo Central, Victoria Park Central, Maddington Central and Newpark Shopping Centre at Girrawheen.

Bookings are not needed, but as these new shopping centre clinics will only be open for 4 to 6 weeks, walk-ins are advised to attend as soon as possible.

If you want to find a clinic, pharmacy or GP, visit the Roll up for WA [website](#).

COVID-19 vaccination sedation clinic

A sedation clinic is operating to provide COVID-19 vaccinations (primary course and booster doses) for people aged 5 years and older with disability, neurodiversity, or severe needle phobia, who would otherwise remain unvaccinated.

This **free** service is running for a fixed term at Subiaco Private Hospital in the Perth metropolitan area, with the level of sedation dependant on the person's needs. Influenza vaccines can be co-administered at the time of COVID-19 vaccination.

The sedation clinic referral information [form](#) can be completed by a health professional, patient or carer.

Queries about the service can be directed to DOH.SedationClinic@health.wa.gov.au.

Vaccine information and resources

Please visit the sources below for more information and resources related to vaccines:

- Australian Government – [Updates to the COVID-19 vaccination program](#) (other languages)
- Australian Government – [It is safe to get the COVID-19 and influenza vaccines at the same time](#) – translated social tiles
- Australian Government – [Get ready for winter](#) – translated poster
- Australian Government – Updated [fact sheet](#) on booster doses and winter doses (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people)
- Australian Government – [Common questions about COVID-19 vaccines](#) (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people)
- Australian Government – [Information](#) to assist healthcare workers talk about COVID-19 vaccines (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people)
- HealthyWA – [COVID-19 vaccine](#) (for WA community), including [FAQs](#)
- HealthyWA – [Influenza and COVID-19](#) vaccines information
- Keeping Culture Safe and Strong Aboriginal - COVID-19 [vaccination resources](#)

Directions updates

COVID-19 State of Emergency [Declarations](#) and community [advice](#) webpages summarise the latest COVID-19 Directions in place in WA. Further information can be found on the WA Government [website](#).

New Directions

- [Primary Health Care Worker \(Restrictions on Access\) Directions \(No.3\)](#)

Updated factsheets

- [Dialysis and COVID-19: Risks and Information](#) – Updated 30 May 2022
- [COVID-19 Guidelines for Renal Dialysis Version 2.5](#)
- [Mandatory Vaccination for Workers FAQs Version 9](#)

Testing

General population [testing criteria](#)

Any person may be tested if they have any one of the following clinical criteria: fever ($\geq 37.5^{\circ}\text{C}$) **OR** history of fever (e.g. night sweats, chills), without a known source **OR** acute respiratory symptoms (e.g. shortness of breath, cough, sore throat, runny nose) **OR** acute loss of smell or taste **OR** an inconclusive rapid antigen test result.

Testing locations

Testing locations are listed on [HealthyWA](#).

Series of National Guidelines (SoNG)

The [latest](#) iteration was released on 3 June 2022.

Business and industry

Resources for more information

- [WA Department of Health](#) and [HealthyWA](#)
- WA [Department of Health Media releases](#)
- [Australian Department of Health](#)
- [Advice for the public \(WHO\)](#)
- [Advice in other languages](#) and [Translated Resources](#)
- [Advice and resources for Aboriginal people](#)
- [Covid Clinic walkthrough](#) – in multiple languages
- [Contact registers](#) information
- SafeWA [user guide](#)
- ServiceWA [user guide](#)
- [Mandatory vaccination](#) Directions and supporting documents
- Mandatory vaccination general and industry-specific [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- Proof of vaccination [Directions](#), [information](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [COVID-19 in the workplace](#) – Information for employers and employees
- [Posters, signage and resources](#) for businesses

More information

- COVID-19 Clinic ONLY Test Results Enquiry Line: 1800 313 223 (Note: NOT for GP referred testing or private pathology clinic tests)
- COVID-19 WA Public Information Line: 13 268 43 (13 COVID)
- COVID-19 WA Police Line: 131 444 to report breaches of quarantine, business activities, border controls and other State of Emergency Directions

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