



# SHICC PUBLIC HEALTH BULLETIN #29

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## COVID-19 case and vaccination numbers

- **Summary:** for Western Australia (WA) to date:
  - **892,527** confirmed cases of COVID-19 notified
  - **865,567** people recovered from COVID-19
  - **4,093,120** 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](#).

### COVID-19 testing clinic changes

Four metropolitan PCR testing clinics – those at Fiona Stanley Hospital, Armadale Health Service, Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital and St John of God Midland Public Hospital – will be closed from 15 July 2022.

[Free PCR testing will continue to](#) be available at other sites across WA, including clinics near the closed locations.

Testing clinics at Royal Perth Hospital, Joondalup Health Campus, Rockingham Hospital and the PathWest public drive-through facility in Murdoch (alongside Fiona Stanley Hospital) will continue to operate between 8am and 8pm on weekdays and from 8am to 4pm on weekends.

### Free RATs to be handed out at pop-up locations

Three million additional free rapid antigen tests (RATs) will be available for the Western Australian community at pop-up distribution sites in metropolitan and regional areas.

Free RATs can now be collected from Perth metropolitan shopping centres and train station. RATs will become available at regional shopping centres from Monday 11 July 2022.

Additional RATs are also available for people with a [disability](#) and their support workers.

Visit the [WA free RAT program page](#) for more information. The page will be updated regularly over the coming weeks as more locations are added.

## Mask mandates removed in airport terminals

On Saturday 18 June, [mask](#)-wearing mandates at airports in Western Australia were lifted.

These changes were in line with the [latest](#) national advice from the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC).

Masks must continue to be worn on aircraft as per existing requirements and are still strongly recommended to be worn in international and domestic terminals.

Masks are still required in certain settings in WA, including healthcare settings, residential aged and disability care facilities, and on public and passenger transport.

People are encouraged to wear a mask where physical distancing is not possible to protect vulnerable members of the community, including those at risk of serious illness from COVID-19 and the flu.

## 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.

## COVID-19 vaccination program

### COVID-19 Vaccination clinics changes

The Ellenbrook, Rockingham and Canning Vale COVID-19 vaccination clinics are now closed, enabling further pop-up clinics to be added to the list operating at selected shopping centres across the Perth metropolitan area.

The shopping centre pop-up clinics include Butler Central, Wanneroo Central, Victoria Park Central, Maddington Central, Mandurah Forum 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, participating pharmacy or GP, visit <https://rollup.wa.gov.au/locations>

## Mental Health professionals delivering in-home COVID-19 vaccinations

In-home vaccination services for people who need extra support, including community mental health clients, are delivered by the North Metropolitan Health Service (NMHS) across the Perth metropolitan area.

This service operates Monday to Friday. To request an in-home vaccination contact the NMHS COVID Vaccination Program via [NMHSCoVIDVaccination@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:NMHSCoVIDVaccination@health.wa.gov.au), phone 0499 723 332 or complete the referral [form](#).

## COVID-19 vaccination sedation clinic

A sedation clinic is operating to provide COVID-19 vaccinations (primary course and booster doses) for people with disability, neurodiversity, or severe needle phobia aged 5 years and older, 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](mailto: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 – [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)
- 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

- [Air Travel \(Face Covering\) Directions \(No 3\)](#)

## Updated factsheets

- [Guidelines for public hospital discharge and interhospital transfer of positive or suspect COVID-19 cases](#)
- [COVID-19 Response Checklist for Specific Settings](#)
- [Doffing coveralls in the context of COVID-19](#)
- [Mandatory vaccination for workers Version 10](#)
- [COVID-19 Care Plan for person with a disability](#)
- [Guidelines for maternity services](#)
- [Guidelines for neonatal services](#)

- [COVID-19 and breastfeeding](#)
- [COVID-19 in pregnancy](#)
- [Information for COVID-19 women in labour](#)
- [COVID-19 Guideline for management of acute behavioural disturbance](#)
- [Testing Criteria for SARS-CoV-2 in Western Australia #39](#)
- [Clinician alert #85](#)

## Testing

### General population [testing criteria](#)

The Testing Criteria for SARS-CoV-2 in Western Australia has been updated.

### 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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