



DETECT Borders fact sheet

The Western Australian (WA) Department of Health's DETECT Borders program invites eligible people working at WA's points of entry, who show **no symptoms of COVID-19**, to be tested for the virus. This is a targeted program, and certain higher risk groups have been selected due to their close work with travellers from interstate and overseas.

The aim of the program is to identify any transmission from infected travellers in those most at risk at the earliest opportunity and curtail any outbreak as quickly as possible.

Participation in the DETECT Program is voluntary, free and available to those eligible who are over 18 years old. Testing can be carried out as frequently as every seven days and there is no need to isolate after testing.

In all the categories listed below, DETECT Borders does not apply to people who are now under direction for mandatory COVID-19 testing, but who may have previously been eligible for the program.

Eligible groups include asymptomatic adult workers and contractors at:

Perth Domestic Airport

- Workers and contractors onsite at Perth domestic airport in areas through which arriving passengers (or their baggage) transit e.g. in the terminal, including:
 - Perth Airport or airline ground staff
 - WA Police
 - Security
 - Federal agencies
 - Any other worker or contractor who has contact with arrivals

Seaports

- Any worker or contractor involved in any function of a sea port that involves close contact with vessels arriving from international waters, including on-board workers who have completed a compliant shift and wish to get tested.

Eucla and Kununurra border crossings

- Any worker or contractor involved in any function at Eucla and Kununurra border crossings that requires close contact with people arriving from interstate.

Taxi and ride-share workers

- Any worker or contractor who transports people from the Perth domestic airport, or persons to/from a COVID testing facility.

- Please note, drivers who are already required to undergo mandatory COVID-19 testing (Quarantine Centre Workers or Transport and Accommodation Services staff) are not eligible for asymptomatic testing under the DETECT program.

Where can I be tested?

COVID clinic locations are available at healthywa.wa.gov.au/COVIDclinics or by calling 13 COVID (13 26843). Testing as part of the DETECT Borders program is not available at GP respiratory clinics or private pathology centres.

What do I need to do?

When you present to the clinic you will be asked to provide identification, such as a staff identification card or workplace security card from your place of employment, to prove your eligibility. You will be required to confirm that you are asymptomatic (do not have any symptoms) of COVID-19.

What do I do if I have symptoms?

Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever ($\geq 37.5^{\circ}\text{C}$) OR recent history of fever (e.g. night sweats, chills), without a known source, OR acute respiratory symptoms (including cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, runny nose), OR acute loss of smell or taste. If you have any of these symptoms you do not qualify for the DETECT Borders program but should be tested for COVID-19 at a COVID-19 Clinic.

What does the testing involve?

A swab will be inserted into the back of your throat and then through your nose by a qualified practitioner. This is a fast procedure, lasting less than a minute. It may cause some mild discomfort but is not painful.

Your swab sample will be taken to a laboratory to be tested for COVID-19.

What happens after my test?

You will not need to isolate after testing. You can continue going to work and doing your usual activities, in keeping with the current advice in Western Australia. If you develop symptoms of COVID-19 between testing and when your result is available, you should isolate while awaiting the result and seek medical advice if needed.

What happens if my test is negative?

You will be advised of a negative test via SMS within three business days of your test and can continue life as normal and re-present for testing as often as weekly. If you have not received your results within three days and have had your test at a public COVID clinic, you can call the results enquiry line between 8am and 4pm, seven days a week on 1800 313 223. You will need to be tested for COVID-19 sooner if you develop symptoms, regardless of how soon after the negative test that might occur.

What happens if my test is positive?

A member of the Department of Health's Public Health Unit will contact you and advise you what action to take.

What will happen to my results?

Your results will be securely stored by the Department of Health and used for public health purposes. Your individual results will remain confidential but may be shared with your employer if deemed necessary (in the event you receive a positive result and were infectious while at work). Any results disclosed publicly will not include personal details.

Can I get testing for my Fly-in/Fly-out (FIFO) return to work requirements?

FIFO workers are not eligible for testing under the DETECT Borders program unless they fall within one of the categories listed above. For asymptomatic testing please consult your employer for further advice to be tested.

Where can I find more information?

Visit healthywa.wa.gov.au/coronavirus or call 13 COVID (13 26843)

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