



PHEOC BULLETIN #30

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COVID-19 Case numbers

- As of **6 October 2020**, there have been **687** confirmed cases of COVID-19 notified in Western Australia (WA) and **35 historical cases**. **664** people have recovered.
- To date **434,333** COVID-19 tests have been conducted in WA.
- **WA:** [Daily snapshot](#)
- **National:** [Current National Status](#)
- **Worldwide:** [WHO Situation Reports](#) & [WHO Dashboard](#)

Living with COVID

Message of the week – Stay home if sick and get tested

COVID-19 can cause a range of symptoms. These can range from mild illness to pneumonia. **If you experience any of the below symptoms, no matter how mild, please get a COVID-19 test.**

- fever of 37.5°C or above OR fever in the last few days (for example, night sweats or chills)
- coughing, shortness of breath, sore throat, runny nose
- loss of smell or taste.

Testing is available at COVID clinics, regional public hospitals, health services and remote health clinics (where COVID clinics are not available); and, private pathology centres. For locations and opening days/times please visit the [COVID clinics page](#).

Remember - After your test you must self-isolate (unless you have been informed you do not need to, e.g. as part of an asymptomatic testing program such as DETECT Borders, or the [Transport Freight and Logistics Direction](#)). You must go directly home, and you must stay home while waiting for your test results. You cannot have visitors to your home and you cannot go to the shops or go for a walk while you are waiting for your results.

For more information see [Self-quarantine in Western Australia for returned travellers, close contacts and those tested for COVID-19 \(PDF 225KB\)](#)

Update - Patricia Oldendorff vessel

As of 6 October 2020, there were 17 confirmed COVID-19 cases amongst the 21 crew from the Patricia Oldendorff vessel which is currently moored off Port Hedland. 6 cases have now recovered.

Planning continues with the vessel operator, the Australian Maritime Safety Authority and Pilbara Ports Authority regarding getting staff back on board in time for the ship's departure which is expected to be the 10 October 2020.

School Leavers 2020 update

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the WA School Leavers program with organised events from Monday, 23 November through to Thursday, 26 November will take on a slightly different feel this year.

School leavers and parents are encouraged to download the free Leavers App, which will be updated with this year's information by 1 November. It will have all the latest information on events, getting around, and tips to stay safe.

For more information, a [dedicated website](#) and [Facebook page](#) have been created.

Phase 5 date postponed

The tentative date for Phase 5 has been postponed until Saturday, 24 October. See the [WA Roadmap](#)

Victoria and NSW Update

VICTORIA - Latest updates can be viewed [HERE](#).

NSW - Latest updates can be viewed [HERE](#).

Community

Residential Aged Care Facilities – Infection Prevention and Control Training

The Infection Prevention and Control (IP&C) team from the Public Health Emergency Operation Centre (PHEOC) have been supporting the State Health Incident Coordination Centre (SHICC) to provide training and practical demonstrations in the correct use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and in the use of infection control practices in Residential Aged Care Facilities (RACFs).

Staff development nurses and nurse educators from the Area Health Services will be delivering this training across several RACFs over the next few weeks, with support from the PHEOC IP&C team, to assist RACFs in their COVID-19 preparedness.

Changes to entry from Victoria and New South Wales

From Monday 5 October, people entering WA from Victoria may be able to self-quarantine for 14 days at suitable premises, as assessed by WA Police as part of the G2G exemption application process. People entering from New South Wales will move to the same entry conditions that apply to other states and territories (excluding Victoria). The G2G NOW app will assist police with self-quarantine compliance. Use of the app is voluntary. Users will be instructed to take a selfie to verify their identity and location.

Presentation for testing Directions (NO 6)

People who have entered WA (other than transport, freight and logistics workers) are required to present for testing in accordance with the Presentation for Testing Directions **No 6**:

- people who have been in Victoria in the 14 days prior to arrival in WA must present for testing for COVID-19 within 48 hours of arrival
- all people who enter WA are required to present for testing on day 11 after their arrival in WA, unless they receive a Centre Direction or are a freight worker arriving by road or rail or are a person who entered WA from a rig or platform under the Approval for Rig or Platform Crew (no 2) and are not a person requiring quarantine
- day 11 testing can only occur at WA government COVID clinics (see below)
- testing for this purpose cannot be carried out at private collection centres or GP respiratory clinics.

See our [factsheet on the Presentation for Testing Directions](#).

Directions Updates

COVID-19 [State of Emergency Declarations](#) and [Community Advice](#) summarises the latest COVID-19 Directions that are in place in WA. Further information can be found on [WA Government website](#) and the [Directions FAQs](#).

Recently amended Directions:

[Presentation for testing Directions \(NO 6\)](#)

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** an acute respiratory infection (e.g. shortness of breath, cough, sore throat, runny nose) **OR** acute loss of smell or taste.

Testing locations

Testing locations are listed on [Healthy WA](#).

Reporting

Notify suspected COVID-19 cases by completing the notification form either [ONLINE](#) or by printing out the notification form.

Series of National Guidelines (SoNG)

The [latest iteration](#) was released on 24 August 2020.

Business and Industry

See latest updates about how the Western Australian Government is supporting business and industry [economic recovery](#) through COVID-19.

Resources for more information

- Latest [Australian Health Protection Principal Committee \(AHPPC\) News](#)
- [WA Department of Health; HealthyWA](#)
- [Australian Government Health Department](#)
- [Advice for the public \(WHO\)](#)
- [Advice in other languages](#)
- [Advice for Aboriginal people](#)

Who to contact for 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: [132 6843 \(13 COVID\)](#)
- COVID-19 Travel Restrictions Exemption Application: Visit the [G2G PASS](#) website or complete the [exemption application form](#)
- COVID-19 WA Police Line: [131 444](#) To report breaches of: self-isolation, business closures, border controls and other State of Emergency Directions.

Next advice - The PHEOC Bulletin is issued weekly. Next issue: **Tuesday 13 October 2020**.