



PHEOC BULLETIN #26

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COVID-19 Case numbers

- As of **8 September 2020**, there have been **657** confirmed cases of COVID-19 notified in Western Australia (WA) and **33 historical cases**. **644** people have recovered.
- To date **364,864** COVID-19 tests have been conducted in WA.
- **WA:** [Daily snapshot](#)
- **National:** [Current National Status](#)
- **Worldwide:** [WHO Situation Reports](#) & [WHO Dashboard](#)

Living with COVID

COVID-19 Campaign

We all have a part to play in keeping ourselves and our community safe by keeping up the physical distancing, washing our hands with soap and water, and staying home if unwell.

Help us spread the word. Follow us on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#) and share our messages through your social media channels, in patient waiting rooms, and at home with friends and family. Campaign resources are available [online](#).

Events and mass gatherings - position statement

The WA Government is committed to supporting event organisers in a way that also ensures public health and safety are prioritised. Work is progressing on developing appropriate guidelines under which COVIDsafe events may be permitted.

Hotel & accommodation providers (with guests in quarantine or isolation)

If hotel and accommodation management require support to review and implement best practice infection prevention measures, please contact the Infection, Prevention and Control (IPC) team at pheoc@health.wa.gov.au See also [Hotel/Accommodation Fact Sheet](#)

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

Surge training in the regions

The Public Health Emergency Operation Centre (PHEOC) is currently undertaking training in the regions for all doctors, nurses, allied health, aged care, prison health, health promotion and local government staff who may be involved in the COVID-19 response. The training includes education about transmission and clinical features of COVID-19, and its public health management in Australia, along with an introduction to contact tracing. This training forms a critical part of our COVID-19 response preparedness in WA.

Contact tracing technology upgrade

As part of the Public Health Emergency Operation Centre (Operations) preparedness the team has progressed to phase 2 of their contact tracing database system upgrade. This advancement provides greater ability to link COVID-19 cases and identify close-contacts more rapidly than before.

Regular testing of interstate freight drivers

Any truck driver entering WA is required to present for testing every 7 days while in WA (up until they have been in WA for 14 days). See our [Transport, Freight and Logistics Directions FAQs](#).

Presentation for testing Directions (NO 4)

All interstate arrivals are now subject to a requirement to present for testing on Day 11 after arrival in WA. See our [factsheet on the Presentation for Testing Directions](#).

DETECT schools' program

The school research project forms part of the [DETECT program](#). View the complete list of participating schools [here](#).

To date **12,647** tests have been performed on school staff and students with zero positive cases.

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](#). Quick links are below:

- [Quarantine \(Closing the Border\) Amendment Directions \(No 4\)](#)
- [Visitors to Residential Aged Care Facilities \(No3\)](#)
- [Presentation for Testing Directions \(No4\)](#)
- [Quarantine and Isolation \(Undiagnosed\) Amendment](#)
- [Transport, Freight and Logistics Directions](#)
- [Quarantine \(Closing the Border\) Directions Approval Maritime Crew \(No3\)](#) and the [Quarantine \(Closing the border\) Directions Approval for Rig or Platform Crew \(No 2\)](#)

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), **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 15 September 2020**.

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