Clinician alert #40 – all clinicians
Effective from 24th December 2020

New information
- National guidelines now include historical cases in the case definition, and an expanded definition of contacts. Public Health (PHEOC) will identify and manage all contacts.
- As of 25th December, South Australia will be deemed a very low risk state.

Confirmed and historical SARS-CoV-2 cases
The definition of a confirmed case of COVID-19 includes a person who:

1. tests positive to a validated specific SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid test; OR
2. has the virus isolated in cell culture, with PCR confirmation using a validated method.

A historical case of SARS-CoV-2 has been defined as:

1. requiring laboratory confirmed evidence; OR
2. laboratory suggestive evidence supported by either clinical evidence OR epidemiological evidence and is not a confirmed case.

Further information regarding definitions of laboratory confirmed evidence, laboratory suggestive evidence, clinical evidence and epidemiological evidence can be found in the CDNA National Guidelines. Serology testing should be confined to the criteria set out in the Testing Criteria for SARS-CoV-2.

Both confirmed cases and historical cases should be notified and reported.

Close Contacts and Casual Contacts
The CDNA National Guidelines has provided definitions and quarantine advice for close contacts and casual contacts. Public Health (PHEOC) will determine who is a contact, the type of contact they are, and any quarantine and testing requirements.

SARS-CoV-2 Testing
Refer to the Testing Criteria for SARS-CoV-2 in Western Australia for the most up to date testing requirements.

Controlled Border for Western Australia
As of the 25th of December, South Australia will be deemed a very low risk (unrestricted) state and there will be no quarantine or testing requirements for arrivals.

Very low risk state (unrestricted): NT, QLD, ACT, TAS, SA, VIC
Medium risk state (restricted): NSW
**Information for NSW arrivals***

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<td>Within 48 hours of arrival (or at Perth airport)</td>
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<td>Requirement expired</td>
<td>Yes – isolation after testing <strong>not</strong> required (provided they are asymptomatic)</td>
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<td>18th December - 19th December</td>
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*Note: this table provides general guidance for NSW arrivals; some travellers may receive other directions regarding testing or quarantine.*

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