



PHEOC BULLETIN #25

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COVID-19 case numbers

- As of **1 September 2020**, there have been **655** confirmed cases of COVID-19 notified in Western Australia (WA) and **30 historical cases**. **641** people have recovered.
- To date **345,214** COVID-19 tests have been conducted in WA.
- **WA:** [Daily snapshot](#)
- **National:** [Current National Status](#)
- **Worldwide:** [WHO Situation Reports](#) & [WHO Dashboard](#)

Living with COVID

Emergency accommodation for frontline COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Care Workers (ERHCW)

Four accommodation providers have been awarded an initial 6-month contract to provide emergency accommodation to emergency and health care workers who need to self-quarantine or self-isolate close to work if they are unable to do so safely in their own homes.

This arrangement is available to Department of Health, Department of Fire & Emergency Service, Western Australian Police Force, St John Ambulance service and Royal Flying Doctor Service frontline staff who might be regularly exposed to COVID-19 patients and cannot isolate at home because they live with people who are at-risk or who are also healthcare workers. Accessing emergency accommodation through this standardised procurement process will generate savings for WA agencies.

COVID-19 campaign

We all have a part to play in keeping ourselves and our community safe. As Victoria continues to grapple with a second wave, of COVID-19, it is a reminder that we must keep up the physical distancing, wash our hands with soap and water, and stay 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](#).

Aged care

Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) [statement](#) on the national COVID-19 response for residential aged care facilities statement has been published. A time-limited AHPPC Aged Care Advisory Group will be established to support the national public health emergency response to COVID-19 in aged care. The Advisory Group will bring together expertise about the aged care sector, infection control, emergency preparedness and public health response.

New resources for the Aboriginal Sector

The latest edition of the [Aboriginal Sector Communication Update](#) is now available on line and a new resource [Self-isolation information after testing for Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) has also been released providing very easy to read information.

Events and mass gatherings - position statement

Events of any size are permitted (except music festivals), with a minimum of 2 square metres required per person (subject to standard approvals processes). The WA Government is committed to supporting event organisers in a way that also ensures public health and safety are prioritised. A protocol is currently being developed under which COVIDsafe events may be permitted.

Hotel and 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 phec@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

Directions for maritime, rig and platform crew

These Directions require all Maritime, Rig or Platform crew entering WA (from outside Australia or from another state) to quarantine in a state (SHICC) managed quarantine centre/hotel.

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 **10,812** 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 \(No 3\)](#)
- [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 8 September 2020**.

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