



Presentation for testing fact sheet

On the 2 October 2020, the State Emergency Coordinator of Western Australia (WA) signed a Direction requiring certain persons **arriving into WA to present themselves for testing** on arrival (or within 48 hours of arrival) and on the 11th day after arrival. This factsheet presents a summary only of the obligations arising under the *Presentation for Testing Directions (No 6)* available at <https://www.wa.gov.au>

If you have received a Centre Direction, directing you to stay at a Quarantine Centre, this factsheet does not apply to you; further information regarding testing will be provided to you at the Quarantine Centre.

Why have I been given a Presentation for Testing Direction?

You have been given a Presentation for Testing Direction following entry into WA in order to limit the spread of COVID-19.

What does it mean for me?

Following entry into WA, you are required to present for testing for COVID-19.

If you **have been in Victoria in the 14 days prior to your arrival in WA**, you must present for testing for COVID-19:

- **as soon as possible within 48 hours of arrival in WA** (this may be at the airport after disembarking if you are directed to attend a clinic at the airport), AND
- **as early as possible on the 11th day** after the day you arrived in WA. You will receive a reminder SMS on the 10th day after your arrival.

If you have arrived in WA **but have not been in Victoria in the preceding 14 days**, you must present for testing for COVID-19:

- **as early as possible on the 11th day** after the day you arrived in WA. You will receive a reminder SMS on the 10th day after your arrival.

If you have arrived from the Indian Ocean Territories **and have not been outside of the Indian Ocean Territories or Western Australia in the 14 days** prior to your arrival in WA, you **do not** need to present for testing for COVID-19. If you entered Western Australia from a rig or platform and are **not** a person requiring quarantine as set out in the Approval for Rig of Platform Crew (No 2) you **do not** need to present for testing for COVID-19.

What will happen if I don't present for testing as directed?

If you fail to comply with the Presentation for Testing Directions, you may commit an offence under section 86(1) of the *Emergency Management Act 2005 (WA)*. You may be given an infringement notice with a penalty of \$1,000, or you may be prosecuted and be liable to imprisonment for up to 12 months or a fine of up to \$50,000.

What does COVID-19 testing entail?

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 for testing for COVID-19.

Isolation after COVID-19 testing

Anyone who has had a COVID-19 test and is waiting for the test result **must** comply with strict isolation requirements until they get the test result **and** are told that they do not have to isolate, unless they are informed that they do not have to isolate. Further information about self-isolation is available at www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/coronavirus.

How will I receive my results?

You will be advised of a test result by text message within three business days of your test.

COVID-19 test result enquiry line

If you have not received a test result within three business days, you can call 1800 313 223 between Monday and Friday from 8am to 4pm to enquire about your test result.

What happens if my test is positive?

A member of the Department of Health's Public Health Unit will contact you to advise what action to take, including remaining in isolation. They will seek to identify who you have been in close contact with whilst you were potentially infectious. This is known as contact tracing.

There is no specific treatment for COVID-19 and, in most cases, symptoms will resolve on their own. You will only be permitted to cease isolation and resume your usual activities when you are officially given clearance by the Public Health Unit.

When is day 11 for me?

The day of your arrival into WA is day 0. day 11 will be 11 days after the day of your arrival.

For example:

- If you arrive in WA on 10 October, day 0 will be 10 October, and day 11 will be 21 October.
- If you arrive in WA on 28 October, day 0 will be 28 October, and day 11 will be 8 November.
- If you arrive in WA on 1 October, day 0 will be 1 October and day 11 will be 12 October.

What happens if I leave WA before day 11?

If you leave WA before day 11, you do not have to be tested in WA.

Where do I need to go to present for COVID-19 testing?

You can attend any of the following:

Metropolitan COVID clinics

- Armadale Health Service, Ground Floor, 3056 Albany Highway, Mount Nasura
- Fiona Stanley Hospital, Bedbrook Row, North-eastern end of hospital, Murdoch
- Joondalup Hospital, Car Park P4, Regents Park Road
- Royal Perth Hospital, Ground Floor, Ainslie House, 48 Murray Street, Perth
- Rockingham General Hospital, Elanora Drive, Cooloongup
- Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, C Block, Hospital Avenue, Nedlands
- St John of God Midland Hospital, Yelverton Drive, Midland

Regional COVID clinics

- Broome Hospital, Corner of Anne and Robinson Streets, Broome
- Bunbury Health Campus, Bussell Highway (cnr Robertson Drive; 30m left of the main entrance)
- Kununurra District Hospital, 96 Coolibah Drive, Kununurra

Regional hospital Emergency Departments

- Albany Regional Hospital
- Geraldton Regional Hospital
- Port Hedland Regional Hospital
- Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital
- An emergency department of a public hospital that is located outside of the Perth metropolitan area and is not specified above.

You **must** inform a relevant officer at the clinic that you are required to present for testing under the Directions.

Further details, including opening hours of these clinics, are available at:

https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/COVID-clinics

I have been given a Self-Quarantine Direction. Can I still leave the place where I am required to remain, to get tested?

Yes, you can leave to be tested but you must comply with the following requirements:

- You must travel to the COVID clinic that is nearest to you and by the most direct route available and without stopping except as required by law or necessary for fuel or rest.
- You must travel to and from the COVID clinic by
 - private vehicle, taxi, or rideshare service; or
 - walking, provided that
 - the COVID clinic is located within 2 km of the place where you are under quarantine; and
 - you take all reasonable steps to keep at least 1.5m away from any other person whilst walking to and from the COVID clinic.
- You must not use public transport such as a bus or train
- You **must** wear a face mask if available and appropriate from the time you leave the place where you are in quarantine, until you return to that place.

- Once you are no longer required to remain at the COVID Clinic, you must travel as soon as possible and by the most direct route available, without stopping except as required by law or necessary for fuel or rest, to the place where you are in quarantine.

What should I do if I develop symptoms before day 11?

If you are under a Self-Quarantine Direction and you develop a fever (temperature of 37.5°C), respiratory symptoms, such as a sore throat, cough, runny nose or shortness of breath, or loss of taste or smell, you must call 1300 316 555 immediately. Even though these symptoms may not be caused by COVID-19, calling that number to tell someone is essential to your safety and the safety of others.

If you develop symptoms while you are required to quarantine, you must isolate until you are informed that you are no longer required to isolate, even if your quarantine period has ended.

If I have a test earlier than day 11, will I still need a day 11 test?

Yes, if you have a test earlier than day 11, you will need to have another test on day 11, unless you are now a confirmed case of COVID-19.

Do these requirements for testing also apply to children?

Yes, children arriving into WA must also present for testing at the venues mentioned above. Please ensure the child wears a face mask as appropriate when they leave the place of quarantine until they return to that place after testing.

Further information is available at:

https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Coronavirus

www.wa.gov.au

Call **13 COVID (13 268 43)** for general and quarantine related queries.

Call **1300 316 555** if you develop symptoms.

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