



PHEOC BULLETIN #32

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COVID-19 case numbers

- As of **20 October 2020**, there have been **738** confirmed cases of COVID-19 notified in Western Australia (WA) and **36 historical cases**. **685** people have recovered.
- To date a total of **466,070** positive and negative COVID-19 tests have been conducted in WA.
- **WA:** [Daily snapshot](#)
- **National:** [Current National Status](#)
- **Worldwide:** [WHO Situation Reports](#) & [WHO Dashboard](#)

Living with COVID

Management of vessels in WA waters

The Department of Health has now successfully managed four vessel outbreaks – Artania, Al Kuwait, Patricia Oldendorff and Vega Dream. The community has remained safe during each of these operations, with no risk to public health. The same processes are being used for the Key Integrity and Al Messilah and will be used for any future vessel outbreaks.

No port in Western Australia is allowing shore-leave for any international maritime crew. This means that no-one can disembark a vessel except for medical treatment, where appropriate safety procedures are put in place. This is an extra layer of border security in place to protect the Western Australian community.

Update – Al Messilah vessel

A positive case on the Al Messilah, which is docked in Fremantle, was confirmed on 17 October 2020. This case was disembarked to seek medical treatment for a non-COVID-19 condition and was tested on presentation as a precaution. Further testing on Al Messilah crew revealed a further 24 positive cases.

Update - Key Integrity

Nineteen crew on board the bulk carrier Key Integrity, which arrived in Fremantle from Geraldton on 19 October 2020, have been tested. Results have shown a further crew member with a positive result. It brings the number of positive cases from this vessel to two.

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

Events guidelines updated

The latest version of the [Event Guidelines](#) has been published online. This now contains extended information on COVID Safety Marshals (Section 5) and the minimum time required for a COVID Event Plan to be assessed by the DoH (Section 6).

Halloween info sheet

You may receive enquires on Covid safe Halloween activities. A new [fact sheet](#) has been released this week to provide tips for safe trick or treating.

New exemptions introduced to Phase 4

On the advice of the Chief Health Officer, the WA Government will modify and extend [Phase 4](#) of the COVID-19 roadmap and will allow exemptions to the 2 square metre rule at selected venues that primarily hold seated events, from Saturday, 24 October (or 11.59pm, Friday, 23 October).

Supporting agricultural industries can secure workers

Based on health advice and under strict conditions, the WA Government will allow WA growers access to [Seasonal Worker Program and Pacific Labour Scheme](#) workers to help WA's agricultural and horticultural industry fill critical labour gaps for this season's harvest.

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](#).

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 9 October 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](#)
- [Department of Health Media Releases](#)
- [Australian Government Health Department](#)
- [Advice for the public \(WHO\)](#)
- [Advice in other languages](#) and [Translated Resources](#)
- [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 27 October 2020**.

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