



Presentation for Testing Fact Sheet

On 21 August 2021, the State Emergency Coordinator of Western Australia signed the *Presentation for Testing Directions (No 34)* (the **Directions**). These directions came into effect at 12.01 am on 26 August 2021.

This factsheet presents a summary only of the obligations arising under the Directions. The signed Directions are available at <https://www.wa.gov.au>.

Who do the Presentation for Testing Directions apply to?

The Directions apply to certain persons who have entered WA (**travellers**) from outside Australia or from a low risk, medium risk, high risk or extreme risk jurisdiction (a **restricted location**) and certain contacts of travellers from high risk or extreme risk jurisdiction, subject to some limited exemptions.

Travellers who have been in a restricted location

If you are a traveller who has been in a restricted location after the relevant time applicable to that jurisdiction in the 14 days before entering WA you must present for testing:

- **after disembarking** from an aircraft at Perth Airport; or
- at a COVID-19 clinic as soon as possible within **48 hours of entering WA**; and
- at a COVID-19 clinic as early as possible on the **12th day after the day on which you were last outside Australia or in a restricted location**

You must also present for testing at COVID-19 clinic as early as possible on the **6th day after the day on which you were last outside Australia or in a restricted location** if you entered Western Australia from a restricted location and are subject to a **modified quarantine direction** or the **government official requirements**.

If you have entered WA from an **extreme risk jurisdiction** AND completed **14 days of supervised quarantine** in that extreme risk jurisdiction, unless you are an **excused supervised quarantine traveller**, you must also comply with the airport, 48 hour and the 12th day presentation for testing requirements.

Please refer to [COVID-19 coronavirus: Controlled border \(www.wa.gov.au\)](https://www.wa.gov.au) for a list of current restricted locations.

Contacts of travellers who have been in a high risk or extreme risk jurisdiction

If you reside in the same premises where a traveller from a high risk or extreme risk jurisdiction is quarantining, you must also comply with the 12th day presentation for testing requirement.

If you have had **direct contact** with a traveller from an extreme risk jurisdiction who is subject to a quarantine requirement, you must comply with the 48 hour, the 6th day and the 12th day presentation for testing requirements.

Exceptions

The presentation for testing requirements will not apply if:

- you entered WA as a transport, freight and logistics driver, in which case you will need to comply with the *Transport, Freight and Logistics Directions (No 3)*; or
- you are no longer in WA; OR if you are in hotel quarantine; OR if you are required to isolate or quarantine under the *Quarantine and Isolation (Undiagnosed) Directions (No 2)* or the *Isolation (Diagnosed) Directions (No 2)*; OR if you are no longer required to quarantine.

The 12th day presentation for testing requirement will not apply if you entered WA from a rig or platform and no exposure event has occurred.

Post – quarantine presentation requirement

If you:

- have entered WA from a **medium or high risk jurisdiction** AND completed 14 day **supervised quarantine** in that **medium or high risk jurisdiction**; or
- have entered WA from an **extreme risk jurisdiction** AND completed 14 day **supervised quarantine** in that **extreme risk jurisdiction** and you are an **excused supervised quarantine traveller**; or
- have otherwise been directed to quarantine in a quarantine centre, but are no longer required to do so,

you must present for testing at a COVID-19 clinic as early as possible on the 17th and 21st day after the day you were last in a place outside Australia or from the day on which the direction to quarantine was given, unless you are no longer in WA at the time OR if you have been informed by the Chief Health Officer (or someone authorised by him) that you do not need to do so. You do not need to isolate after waiting for your COVID-19 test results.

International arrivals who are given a self-quarantine direction

If you are an international arrival who is subject to self-quarantine requirements, you must comply with the 48 hour and 12th day presentation for testing requirements, as listed above.

You must not leave your self-quarantine place to get tested. Instead, you must remain in the place where you are in self-quarantine and enable a person conducting testing to enter this place. You must comply with instructions given to you and answer truthfully questions asked to you regarding your state of health.

COVID-19 testing procedure

You must inform a relevant officer at the COVID Clinic that you are required to attend the COVID Clinic to present for COVID-19 testing under the Directions. If a relevant officer asks you to describe the state of your health or asks whether you have or have had symptoms, you must answer truthfully. You must remain at the COVID Clinic until you have been tested for COVID-19 or a relevant officer has instructed you that you may leave the COVID Clinic.

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 isolation is available at www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/coronavirus. However you are not required to isolate after testing if you are complying with the post-quarantine presentation requirement to present for testing on the 17th and 21st days after leaving a quarantine centre.

Receiving your results

You will receive your result via SMS within 48 hours if you were tested at a WA Department of Health COVID clinic or country hospital. If you have not received your result within 48 hours, please contact the Results Hotline **1800 313 223** between 8am to 4pm, 7 days per week. If you have been tested in a regional or remote area, please be aware there may be a delay in receiving your results.

Process if your test result is positive for COVID-19

If you have a positive COVID-19 test result, a member of the Department of Health's Public Health Emergency Operations Centre (PHEOC) 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 PHEOC.

Calculating the 12th day

The day on which you were last outside Australia or in a restricted location is day 0. The 12th day will be 12 days after the day on which you were last outside Australia or in a restricted location.

For example:

- If you were last outside Australia or in a restricted location on 12 January, day 0 will be 12 January and day 12 will be 24 January.
- If you were last outside Australia or in a restricted location on 18 January, day 0 will be 18 January, and day 12 will be 30 January.
- If you were last outside Australia or in a restricted location on 25 January, day 0 will be 25 January, and day 12 will be 6 February.

Locations where you can 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

Frequently asked questions

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

Unless you are an international arrival subject to a self-quarantine requirement, you may leave self-quarantine to be tested but you must also 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
- Unless one of the face covering exceptions applies, you **must wear a face mask** 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.

If you are an **international arrival** who has been given a self-quarantine direction, you **must not** leave to get tested. Instead, you must remain in the place where you are in quarantine and enable a person conducting testing to enter this place.

What should I do if I develop symptoms of COVID before the 12th Day?

If you are required to comply with self-quarantine requirements and you develop, or have a recent history of, a fever (temperature of 37.5°C or above), acute respiratory infection symptoms, such as a sore throat, cough, runny nose or shortness of breath, or loss of taste or smell, call 13 COVID (13 268 43) 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 are required to quarantine and develop COVID symptoms, 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 the 12th Day, will I still need a 12th Day test?

Yes, if you have a test earlier than the 12th Day, you will need to have another test on the 12th Day, unless you are now a confirmed case of COVID-19.

Do I need to have a 12th Day test if I leave WA before the 12th Day?

If you are no longer in WA, you do not have to have your 12th Day test.

Do these requirements for testing also apply to children?

Yes, children arriving into WA must also present for testing in the circumstances outlined above. Any person subject to the children requirements in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions must ensure that a child complies with the Directions. If the child is above the age of 12 years, please ensure the child wears a face mask from when they leave the place of quarantine until they return to that place after testing unless one of the face covering exceptions applies.

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.

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

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