



Quarantine after being tested: High-risk and low-risk tested persons

The *Quarantine (Undiagnosed) Directions* came into effect at 12.01am on 06/09/2021. In accordance with these directions, quarantine requirements after testing are different for different categories of persons tested.

A high-risk tested person

This category includes:

- Anyone who has presented for testing in accordance with a direction under the *Emergency Management Act 2005* and has been tested, including:
 - Anyone who has been identified as a primary or secondary close contact of a positive case.
 - Anyone who has been to an exposure location and has been directed to be tested.
 - Anyone who has been directed to be tested due to concern of an exposure to a positive case of COVID-19.
- Anyone who has been tested in accordance with a direction under the *Public Health Act 2016*.

A low-risk tested person

This category includes anyone who is not a high-risk person and has been tested after developing symptoms of COVID-19.

Quarantine requirements for all persons tested

- After testing, you must wear a face mask and travel directly to the suitable premises as soon as possible, stopping only if required by law or necessary for fuel.
- You must travel to the suitable premises in your own car or a private vehicle; or by taxi or rideshare service; or in another way which an authorised officer orally directs you to take.
 - A low-risk tested person is permitted to use public transport, if there are no other options.
 - A high-risk tested person **must not** use any form of mass public transport, such as a bus or train.
- Once inside the suitable premises, you must remain there until your quarantine period ends, unless you need to seek urgent medical treatment or need to leave the premises to escape a threat to your safety.
 - A low-risk tested persons quarantine period ends when they receive a negative test result, or at an earlier time if instructed by an authorised officer.
 - A high-risk tested persons quarantine period ends after 14-days unless directed otherwise by an authorised officer.

- If the suitable premises are an allocated room or apartment in a shared accommodation facility, you must remain inside your room or apartment and not enter any shared facilities or common property (gym/pool/outdoor entertaining etc.) at the facility.
- If you are required to leave the suitable premises for any reason, you must always wear a face mask unless directed otherwise.
- You must take all reasonable steps to keep at least 1.5 metres away from any other person; and not allow any person to enter the suitable premises unless the person:
 - Is a relevant officer, or person assisting a relevant officer; or
 - Enters the suitable premises for a medical emergency; or
 - Is acting in compliance with a direction or instruction given by a relevant officer; or
 - Usually resides at the suitable premises.

Additional quarantine requirements for high-risk tested persons

While at the suitable premises, unless you are the only person in the suitable premises you must:

- Remain in your bedroom unless you leave that room to use a common area of the suitable premises when no other person is present in that common area; and
- Not allow any person to enter your bedroom at the suitable premise unless the person:
 - Usually resides at the suitable premises and is also subject to a quarantine requirement; or
 - Is a medical officer entering the room for an emergency; or
 - Is a relevant officer, or a person assisting a relevant officer; or
 - Is acting in compliance with a direction or instruction given by a relevant officer
- If you become unwell with symptoms of COVID-19 such as a fever, shortness of breath, cough, sore throat, loss of smell or loss of taste while in quarantine you must contact 13COVID on 13 268 43.
- If directed to be tested, you must leave the suitable premises, while wearing a face mask, and travel directly to your nearest COVID-19 clinic. You can travel by car, taxi or rideshare or you may walk provided that the COVID Clinic is located within 2km of the suitable premises and you take all reasonable steps to keep at least 1.5 metres away from any other person. You must not travel to and from the COVID Clinic using any form of mass public transport, such as a bus or train.

If you live in shared accommodation, those who usually reside in the suitable premises can still live with you. They can continue their daily activities as normal. They must not enter your allocated bedroom and you must not enter a bathroom or common area while they are present.

Implications for people who do not comply with the requirement to self-quarantine.

The WA government takes the health and wellbeing of the community very seriously. Directions under the Emergency Management Act 2005 have been issued which must be followed. A person who does not comply with the directions is subject to a fine of up to \$50,000 for individuals and \$250,000 for bodies corporate.

We acknowledge that self-quarantine and self-isolation are an inconvenience, however, these measures are required to stop the spread of COVID-19.

We thank you for your cooperation.

Websites where you can find more information

www.health.wa.gov.au/coronavirus

www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/coronavirus

www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus

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