



# Notification of COVID-19 #1

## KEY POINTS

- Clinicians **SHOULD NO LONGER CALL CDCD or Public Health Units (PHUs) when they order a test for COVID-19**
- **COVID-19 is an urgently notifiable condition under the *Public Health Act 2016 (WA)***
- **Clinicians who order tests for COVID-19 are required to notify either using the online form or the printed notification form, which can be faxed to public health**
- **Clinicians who order a test for COVID-19 need to make arrangements for the patient to receive the result**
- **Clinicians should seek Public Health Physician advice if after consulting the [Guidelines](#) they have further questions about COVID-19 advice**

**This alert has been issued to clarify the notification requirements for COVID-19.**

On 4 February 2020, a *Public Health (Notifiable Infectious Diseases) Order* was published in which human coronavirus with pandemic potential (COVID-19) was declared to be a notifiable infectious disease and an urgently notifiable infectious disease.

### WHAT CLINICIANS NEED TO DO:

NOTIFY the WA Department of Health by completing the notification form:

- [ONLINE](#) or
- printing out the [notification form](#) and faxing it to the WA Department of Health

Clinicians **DO NOT NEED TO CALL** public health when they order a test or to report a suspect or confirmed case of COVID-19.

Clinicians should fill out the pathology test form in detail, including the reason for ordering the test and whether the patient is a known contact of a case of COVID-19. Further information about the clinical picture may also assist with prioritisation of tests.

IF a clinician thinks a test should be run urgently – please call the PHU and discuss with a Public Health Physician.

Clinicians (GPs or hospital clinicians) who order tests for COVID-19 need to make arrangements for the patient to receive the result.

Refer to the [COVID-19 Series of National Guidelines](#) for information on case definitions.

**Call your local PHU to discuss urgent testing or if after consulting the Guidelines, you have any public health queries regarding COVID-19:**

Metro 9222 8588 / 1300 MCDCWA (1300623292)	Kimberley 9194 1630	South West 9781 2350
Goldfields 9080 8200	Midwest 9956 1985	Wheatbelt 9690 1720
Great Southern 9842 7500	Pilbara 9174 1660	After hours/on call 9328 0553

For up to date information refer to the WA Health website ([www.health.wa.gov.au/coronavirus](http://www.health.wa.gov.au/coronavirus))

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