



Clinician alert #31 – All clinicians

Effective from 17 August 2020

New information

The testing requirements for domestic travellers arriving in Western Australia have been expanded. In accordance with the [Presentation for Testing Directions \(No 4\)](#):

- Travellers who have been in New South Wales (NSW) or Victoria in the 14 days prior to arrival in WA, must present for testing for COVID-19:
 - within 48 hours of arrival in WA and
 - on the 11th day after the day they arrived in WA.
- As of 14 August 2020, travellers arriving into WA from interstate who have not been in Victoria or NSW in the preceding 14 days, must present for testing for COVID-19:
 - on the 11th day after the day they arrived in WA.

Testing under these circumstances can **only** occur at WA government [COVID clinics](#):

Metropolitan COVID clinics

- Armadale Health Service,
- Fiona Stanley Hospital
- Joondalup Hospital
- Royal Perth Hospital
- Rockingham General Hospital
- Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital
- St John of God Midland Hospital

Regional COVID clinics

- Broome Hospital
- Bunbury Health Campus,

Regional hospital Emergency Departments

- Albany Regional Hospital
- Geraldton Regional Hospital
- Emergency Department of any regional public hospital not specified above.
- Port Hedland Regional Hospital
- Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital

- Testing for this purpose **cannot** be carried out at private collection centres or GP respiratory clinics
- If a patient presents to a GP for this testing, they should be referred to one of the facilities listed above
- Patients must complete their 14 days quarantine even if they receive a negative result
- Those who are given a Centre Direction to quarantine at a government overseen hotel will be tested at the hotel.

Transport, freight and logistics

As per the [Transport, Freight and Logistics Direction](#), any persons responsible for the provision of transport or freight and logistics services into or out of WA are required to:

- present for testing for COVID-19 within 48 hours of arriving in WA unless they:
 - produce evidence of being tested for COVID-19 in the five days before entry; or
 - leave WA within 48 hours of arrival; or
 - are directed by WA Police to hotel quarantine or to attend a hospital; or
 - are required to quarantine or isolate under the Isolation (Diagnosed) Directions or the Quarantine and Isolation (Undiagnosed) Directions.

- for a period of 14 days after the date they entered WA, present for COVID-19 testing every 7 days (calculated from the date of last COVID-19 test) unless they:
 - leave WA before the seventh day from the day of the most recent COVID-19 test; or
 - are directed by WA Police to hotel quarantine or to attend a hospital; or
 - are required to quarantine or isolate under the Isolation (Diagnosed) Directions or the Quarantine and Isolation (Undiagnosed) Directions.

Testing for freight and transport workers can occur at any of the COVID clinic or government hospital sites above **AND** private health care providers that offer testing for COVID-19. A pathology referral form is NOT required. Consult the website of the private provider for further details.

Freight and transport workers who undergo asymptomatic testing under the [Transport, Freight and Logistics Direction](#) are not required to isolate or stay home until a negative result is returned. Physical distancing, hand hygiene, cough etiquette and other conditions must still be adhered to.

Inquiry into the Ruby Princess

On 14 August 2020, the Report of the NSW Special Commission of Inquiry into the Ruby Princess was submitted to the NSW Premier and Governor. The NSW Premier has released this report publicly, which can be found at the [NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet website](#).

Meat and poultry processing facilities

The CDNA COVID-19 National Guideline for Public Health Units has been updated with information on meat and poultry processing facilities which may present a higher risk of COVID-19 transmission to workers. Further information on COVID-19 in these facilities is available in Work Safe Victoria's recommendations for [Managing the risk of coronavirus \(COVID-19\) exposure: Meat and poultry processing](#).

COVID-19 testing information

Refer to '[Testing for SARS-CoV-2 in Western Australia #11](#)' for further information regarding:

- Who to test for COVID-19
- Serology testing criteria
- Testing of persons arriving into WA
- Indian Ocean Territories arrivals
- Testing of workers responsible for transport, freight or logistics services
- Testing of asymptomatic patients
- Isolation following testing
- Requesting testing for visa requirements for overseas governments
- Reporting

Release from isolation of cases

Refer to the [Release from isolation factsheet](#) for information about case clearance.

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