



Clinician alert #75 – all clinicians

Effective from 24 December 2021

New information

- A case of COVID-19 has been reported in a traveller from Queensland who entered Western Australia (WA) before travellers were required to quarantine.
- The traveller has been infectious in the Perth metropolitan region since 16 December 2021 and has visited multiple locations while infectious.
- Restrictions will be introduced from 6pm on 23 December.

New community case of COVID-19

- Investigations are underway to determine how the traveller acquired the infection.
- The traveller was not in quarantine after arrival to WA and contact tracing is urgently underway.
- Anyone who attended a location visited by a confirmed case at the specified dates and times listed on the HealthyWA [website](#) (public exposure sites) should be tested and isolate until a negative result is obtained, or as otherwise directed by WA Health.
- Any person with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 should be tested by PCR and isolate until a negative result is received, or as otherwise directed by WA Health.

Restrictions in the Perth Metropolitan and Peel Regions

- From 6pm on 23 December, masks must be worn in all indoor settings except in the home or during vigorous indoor exercise. Masks are also required on public transport.
- Anyone who has been in Perth and Peel since December 16 and enters another regional area is required to wear a mask as per requirements in Perth-Peel.

SARS-CoV-2 Testing

- Testing can occur at COVID clinics, emergency departments of regional hospitals, GP respiratory clinics and private pathology clinics. WA COVID clinic operation hours will be extended as part of the testing surge. Testing locations and times can be viewed [here](#).
- A GP referral form for testing at private pathology clinics is not required at this time, and testing is free. Patients should be advised to check the private pathology clinic websites for clinic locations and opening hours. Refer to [Testing Criteria for SARS-CoV-2 in Western Australia #33](#).

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