



Clinician alert #49 – all clinicians

Effective from 15 March 2021

New information

- Cases of COVID-19 have been reported by [Queensland Health](#) and [New South Wales Health](#)
- Victoria is now deemed a very low risk state.

Information for travellers from Queensland

- Anyone who has arrived in WA since 10 March and had visited any of the affected [Queensland locations](#) during the relevant times;
 - should get tested immediately for COVID-19, AND
 - call Queensland Health's information line 13HEALTH (13 43 84), AND
 - quarantine until 25 March – 14 days from March 11

Information for travellers from New South Wales

- Anyone who has arrived in WA since 13 March and had visited any of the affected [New South Wales locations](#) during the relevant times;
 - should get tested immediately for COVID-19 and get tested again 11 days after attendance at the identified location, AND
 - quarantine until 27 March – 14 days from March 13

Information for travellers from Victoria

- Travellers from Victoria can now enter WA without self-quarantine

Triaging patients presenting to health services

All health services should continue to assess people's COVID-19 risk on presentation, and clinicians are reminded to stay alert for potential COVID-19 infection especially in those who work in a high-risk setting (e.g. border workers, quarantine centre workers).

Testing is available at the usual COVID Clinic locations available on [HealthyWA](#).

Testing

A testing framework has been developed to guide local approaches to testing, the [CDNA and PHLN Testing Framework for COVID-19 in Australia](#). The Testing Framework identifies key priority groups for targeted testing based on the likelihood of infection and the epidemiological situation.

Release from isolation

This section now includes advice on historical infections for which further isolation is not required. Refer to the [Release from Isolation Guidelines](#).

Reporting

Notify suspect COVID-19 cases by completing the notification form either [online](#) or by printing out the [notification form](#). Notifying by phone is not necessary.

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