



Presentation for Testing fact sheet

On 24 January 2021, the State Emergency Coordinator of Western Australia signed the *Presentation for Testing Directions (No 15)*. These directions came into effect at 12.01am on 25 January 2021.

This factsheet presents a summary only of the obligations arising under the Directions. The signed Directions are available at <https://www.wa.gov.au>.

What does the Presentation for Testing Directions mean to me?

These Directions apply to you if you have entered WA, subject to some limited exemptions.

Travellers who have been in a restricted location*

If you are a traveller who has been in a restricted location in the 14 days before entering WA or has knowingly been in direct contact with a person who has been in a restricted location, you must:

- **As early as possible on Day 11** after the day you entered WA, present for testing at a COVID clinic. The Day 11 presentation for testing requirement will apply unless:
 - you entered WA as a transport, freight and logistics driver, in which case you will need to comply with the *Transport, Freight and Logistics Directions (No 2)*; or
 - you entered WA from a rig or platform and no exposure event has occurred in respect of you; or
 - you have left WA; are in hotel quarantine; are required to isolate to quarantine or isolation under the *Quarantine and Isolation (Undiagnosed) Directions (No 2)* or the *Isolation (Diagnosed) Directions (No 2)*; or are no longer required to quarantine.

You will receive a reminder SMS on day 10 after your arrival.

You must inform a relevant officer at the COVID Clinic that you are required to attend the COVID Clinic to present for COVID-19 testing. If a relevant officer asks you to describe the state of your health or asks if you have symptoms, you must answer truthfully. You must remain at the COVID Clinic until you have been tested for COVID-19 or a relevant officer has instructed you that you may leave the COVID Clinic.

*Restricted location includes Victoria

International arrivals who are given a self-quarantine direction

If you have arrived from an international location or been in direct contact with a person who had been outside of Australia in the 14 days prior to the direct contact, AND have been given a self-quarantine direction, you are subject to the Day 11 presentation for testing requirements, as listed above. This also applies to a person who has been in New Zealand and another Australian State or Territory.

COVID-19 testing procedure

A swab will be inserted into the back of your throat and then through your nose by a qualified practitioner. This is a fast procedure, lasting less than a minute. It may cause some mild discomfort but is not painful. Your swab sample will be taken to a laboratory for testing for COVID-19.

Isolation after COVID-19 testing

Anyone who has had a COVID-19 test and is waiting for the test result **must** comply with strict isolation requirements until they get the test result **and** are told that they do not have to isolate, unless they are informed that they do not have to isolate. Further information about isolation is available at https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Coronavirus.

Receiving your results

You will be advised of a test result by text message within three business days of your test. If you have not received a test result within three business days, you can call 1800 313 223 between Monday and Friday from 8am to 4pm to enquire about your test result. If you have been tested in a regional or remote area, please be aware there may be a delay in receiving your results.

Process if your result is positive

A member of the Department of Health's Public Health Emergency Operations Centre (PHEOC) will contact you to advise what action to take, including remaining in isolation. They will seek to identify who you have been in close contact with whilst you were potentially infectious. This is known as contact tracing.

There is no specific treatment for COVID-19 and, in most cases, symptoms will resolve on their own. You will only be permitted to cease isolation and resume your usual activities when you are officially given clearance by PHEOC.

Calculating Day 11

The day of your arrival into WA is day 0. Day 11 will be 11 days after the day of your arrival.

For example:

- If you arrive in WA on 12 January, day 0 will be 12 January and day 11 will be 23 January.
- If you arrive in WA on 18 January, day 0 will be 18 January, and day 11 will be 29 January.
- If you arrive in WA on 25 January, day 0 will be 25 January, and day 11 will be 5 February.

Locations where you can present for COVID-19 testing

You can attend any of the following:

Metropolitan COVID clinics

- Armadale Health Service, Ground Floor, 3056 Albany Highway, Mount Nasura
- Fiona Stanley Hospital, Bedbrook Row, North-eastern end of hospital, Murdoch
- Joondalup Hospital, Car Park P4, Regents Park Road
- Royal Perth Hospital, Ground Floor, Ainslie House, 48 Murray Street, Perth

- Rockingham General Hospital, Elanora Drive, Cooloongup
- Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, C Block, Hospital Avenue, Nedlands
- St John of God Midland Hospital, Yelverton Drive, Midland

Regional COVID clinics

- Broome Hospital, Corner of Anne and Robinson Streets, Broome
- Bunbury Health Campus, Bussell Highway (cnr Robertson Drive; 30m left of the main entrance)
- Kununurra District Hospital, 96 Coolibah Drive, Kununurra

Regional hospital Emergency Departments

- Albany Regional Hospital
- Geraldton Regional Hospital
- Port Hedland Regional Hospital
- Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital
- An emergency department of a public hospital that is located outside of the Perth metropolitan area and is not specified above.

You **must** inform a relevant officer at the clinic that you are required to present for testing under the Directions.

Further details, including opening hours of these clinics, are available at:

https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/COVID-clinics

Frequently asked questions

I have been given a Self-Quarantine Direction. Can I still leave the place where I am required to remain, to get tested?

Yes, you must leave to be tested but you must also comply with the following requirements:

- You must travel to the COVID Clinic that is nearest to you and by the most direct route available and without stopping except as required by law or necessary for fuel or rest.
- You must travel to and from the COVID Clinic by
 - private vehicle, taxi, or rideshare service; or
 - walking, provided that
 - the COVID Clinic is located within 2 km of the place where you are under quarantine; and
 - you take all reasonable steps to keep at least 1.5m away from any other person whilst walking to and from the COVID Clinic.
- You **must not** use public transport such as a bus or train
- You **must** wear a face mask if available and appropriate from the time you leave the place where you are in quarantine, until you return to that place.
- Once you are no longer required to remain at the COVID Clinic, you must travel as soon as possible and by the most direct route available, without stopping except as required by law or necessary for fuel or rest, to the place where you are in quarantine.

What should I do if I develop symptoms of COVID before the Day 11?

If you are under a Self-Quarantine Direction and you develop, or have a recent history of, a fever (temperature of 37.5°C or above), acute respiratory infection symptoms, such as a sore throat, cough, runny nose or shortness of breath, or loss of taste or smell, call 13 COVID (13 268 43) immediately. Even though these symptoms may not be caused by COVID-19, calling that number to tell someone is essential to your safety and the safety of others.

If you develop COVID symptoms while you are required to quarantine, you must isolate until you are informed that you are no longer required to isolate, even if your quarantine period has ended.

If I have a test earlier than Day 11, will I still need a Day 11 test?

Yes, if you have a test earlier than Day 11, you will need to have another test on Day 11, unless you are now a confirmed case of COVID-19.

Do I need to have an Day 11 test if I leave WA before Day 11?

If you leave WA before Day 11, you do not have to have your Day 11 test.

Do these requirements for testing also apply to children?

Yes, children arriving into WA must also present for testing at the venues mentioned above. If the child is above the age of 12 years, please ensure the child wears a face mask, if available and appropriate, from when they leave the place of quarantine until they return to that place after testing.

What will happen if I don't present for testing as directed?

If you fail to comply with the Presentation for Testing Directions, you may commit an offence under section 86(1) of the *Emergency Management Act 2005 (WA)*. You may be given an infringement notice with a penalty of \$1,000, or you may be prosecuted and be liable to imprisonment for up to 12 months or a fine of up to \$50,000.

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Call **13 COVID (13 268 43)** for general and quarantine related queries

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