



COVID-19 Introduction of the controlled interstate border

Advice for Residential Aged Care Facilities (RACFs) on staff and visitors from other states attending RACFs

General Information

- Information about the controlled interstate border can be found [here](#).
- From Saturday, 14 November, WA will transition to a safe and sensible controlled border arrangement based on the latest public health advice.
- Introduction of WA's new controlled interstate border arrangement is dependent on every state and territory in Australia recording a 14-day rolling average of less than 5 community cases of COVID-19 per day.
- If this 14-day rolling average is met, the existing hard border arrangements and current exemption requirements for travel will be removed, allowing Australians to travel into and around WA, subject to conditions of entry.
- Remote Aboriginal community restrictions within WA are still in place, as well as a modified 2 square metre rule, COVID Safety Plans and COVID Event plans.
- All Western Australians are encouraged to maintain physical distancing where possible, practise good hand hygiene, stay at home if and unwell and comply with the latest health advice.
- The Chief Health Officer will continue to closely monitor community transmission in other states and territories and will advise the WA Government if any changes to our borders are required to keep Western Australians protected.

Requirements for RACF staff and visitors attending facilities are no different to the conditions of entry to the state

The current [Visitors to Residential Aged Care Facilities Visitors Directions \(No 4\)](#) should be followed at all times.

With respect to interstate travellers to WA, all are subject to:

- completion of a G2G PASS declaration
- health screening on arrival at Perth Airport
- COVID-19 testing, if required.

The G2G PASS declaration stipulates they do not have any COVID-19 symptoms and outlines which jurisdictions the traveller has been in over the previous 14 days.

All travellers will receive an SMS health check reminder 1 week into their stay in WA, reminding them to get tested if they have any symptoms, while arrivals by land will be met at the border checkpoint to check G2G PASS declarations.

An Airport COVID Clinic is being established to undertake any required COVID-19 testing. Travellers can also request a test even if they are asymptomatic.

Conditions for quarantine

As part of our safe and sensible controlled border arrangement, conditions will apply to travellers coming into WA. These conditions apply to travellers arriving from a very low risk or low risk state or territory. Currently, travellers who travel via a low risk jurisdiction, including through a connecting flight, will be required to self-quarantine on arrival. Only those travelling directly from very low risk jurisdictions (who have not spent any time in the previous 14 days in low risk jurisdictions) can enter WA without self-quarantining.

Very low risk states and territories

(No community cases in 28 days)

- not required to quarantine
- currently includes TAS, QLD, SA, ACT and NT.

Low risk states and territories

(Less than 5 community cases per day on a 14-day rolling average)

- must self-quarantine for 14 days in suitable premises
- must present for a COVID-19 test on Day 11 if still in WA
- currently includes NSW and VIC.

Travellers are encouraged to download the G2G Now app, a tool that supports people subject to self-quarantine directions to prove their compliance with easy, in app check-ins to complement any physical checks by Police.

International arrivals

- must quarantine in a state-run hotel for 14 days at own expense
- subject to mandatory COVID-19 test within 48 hours of arrival and on day 12 of quarantine.

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