## COVID-19 information resource for community

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## How to use this resource

This resource has links to the most up-to-date information for you to check regularly and share with your community.

Tips:

* Share this resource with local organisations and groups – CRCs, libraries, sporting clubs, community groups.
* Post on community noticeboards and social media.
* Start a ‘COVID Corner’ - print and display hard copies of updated flyers and resources in reception and common areas.
* Include regular updates in local newsletters, bulletins, and radio.
* Add to shire, CRC, library, local business/organisation website landing pages.

## How to find out the current situation

Information and advice often change. Check the following sites regularly to keep up to date.

* News, information about current restrictions, and other important advice from the WA Government: [COVID-19 coronavirus (www.wa.gov.au)](https://www.wa.gov.au/government/covid-19-coronavirus) and [COVID-19 (coronavirus) (healthywa.wa.gov.au)](https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/coronavirus)
* System and Alert Response (SAR) Framework: [COVID-19 Framework for System Alert and Response (SAR) (health.wa.gov.au)](https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Coronavirus/COVID19-Framework-for-System-Alert-and-Response)\
* Daily snapshot: [WA COVID-19 Dashboard (arcgis.com)](https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/359bca83a1264e3fb8d3b6f0a028d768)

## Useful posters and signage to print

The following toolkit has printable resources:

* Information about when to get tested, directions for isolation, what to do if a close contact, and important information about managing COVID-19 at home: [Managing COVID-19 booklet](https://www.wa.gov.au/system/files/2022-03/Managing-COVID-19-booklet.pdf)

## Information for local businesses

The following toolkit has printable resources:

* Checklists and information to help employers and employees manage and communicate about COVID-19 in the workplace: [Managing COVID-19 Staff Communication Guide](https://www.wa.gov.au/system/files/2022-02/managing-covid-business.pdf)

## Information sources for your community

Direct community members to these trusted information sources for general information.

* COVID-19 daily snapshot: [COVID-19 (coronavirus) (health.wa.gov.au)](https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/sitecore/content/Healthy-WA/Articles/A_E/Coronavirus)
* Exposure sites: [Locations visited by confirmed COVID-19 cases (healthywa.wa.gov.au)](https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/COVID19locations)
* What you can and can’t do, including hospital and residential aged care visitor guidelines: [COVID-19 coronavirus: What you can and can't do (www.wa.gov.au)](https://www.wa.gov.au/government/covid-19-coronavirus/covid-19-coronavirus-what-you-can-and-cant-do#hospitalsL1)

## COVID-19 vaccination

Information about upcoming COVID-19 vaccination clinics is shared with shires, CRCs and other organisations. These can be shared on social media, websites, and displayed in common areas.

* Vaccination clinic locations: [Locations (rollup.wa.gov.au)](https://rollup.wa.gov.au/locations)
* How to show proof of vaccination: [COVID-19 Coronavirus: Getting proof of COVID-19 vaccinations (www.wa.gov.au)](https://www.wa.gov.au/government/covid-19-coronavirus/covid-19-coronavirus-getting-proof-of-covid-19-vaccinations?fbclid=IwAR1Wpadzlji8e3_Dpk9V-_Nd7XUiLPONN0eiBVDsQzPAFkbFEY79uiCuIJI)

## COVID-19 symptoms and testing

Attached is a list and map of COVID-19 testing sites in the Wheatbelt and outer metro areas. Community members must call ahead to Wheatbelt sites and follow the health service’s instructions.

Every household is eligible for five free Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs). You can direct community members to register for the test here: [COVID-19 coronavirus: WA free RAT program (www.wa.gov.au)](https://www.wa.gov.au/government/covid-19-coronavirus/covid-19-coronavirus-wa-free-rat-program)

People who cannot register online or need assistance can call 13 COVID (13 26843). It is important to be aware of vulnerable community members who may need help – how can the shire or other community groups support them?

* RAT information: [Rapid antigen test (RAT) (health.wa.gov.au)](https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/sitecore/content/Healthy-WA/Articles/A_E/Coronavirus/COVID19-testing/Rapid-Antigen-Test)
* COVID-19 symptom checker: [COVID-19 - coronavirus, vaccination, symptoms, testing and treatment | healthdirect](https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/coronavirus)
* Testing and isolation guidelines: [High COVID caseload settings under WA’s Updated Transition Plan (www.wa.gov.au)](https://www.wa.gov.au/government/announcements/high-covid-caseload-settings-under-was-updated-transition-plan#testing-and-isolation-protocols)
* Wheatbelt and Outer Metro testing sites list and map: 

## How to be COVID-ready

Similar to providing information to your community about bushfire preparedness, you can support your community to be COVID-prepared.

For businesses and workplaces:

* COVID-safety plans and guidelines for businesses and organisations: [COVID-19 coronavirus: COVID Safety Plans and Guidelines (www.wa.gov.au)](https://www.wa.gov.au/government/document-collections/covid-19-coronavirus-covid-safety-plans-and-guidelines)
* COVID-19 in the workplace, for employers and employees: [COVID-19 coronavirus: Managing COVID-19 at work (www.wa.gov.au)](https://www.wa.gov.au/government/covid-19-coronavirus/covid-19-coronavirus-managing-covid-19-work)

For community members:

* COVID-ready checklist for households: 
* COVID-ready plan for households: 

## What if there is COVID-19 in the community?

COVID Care at Home is a free service which offers home monitoring care for COVID-positive people who have other health issues which puts them at greater risk of requiring hospitalisation. People can only register once they have tested positive.

Check eligibility requirements and register here: [WA COVID Care at Home (health.wa.gov.au)](https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/sitecore/content/Healthy-WA/Articles/A_E/Coronavirus/Managing-COVID19-at-home-and-in-the-community/WA-COVID-Care-at-Home)

* Advice to help people look after themselves if they have COVID-19, and if their symptoms get worse: [Looking after yourself (health.wa.gov.au)](https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/sitecore/content/Healthy-WA/Articles/A_E/Coronavirus/Managing-COVID19-at-home-and-in-the-community/Looking-after-yourself)
* [Managing COVID-19 at home and in the community (health.wa.gov.au)](https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/sitecore/content/Healthy-WA/Articles/A_E/Coronavirus/Managing-COVID19-at-home-and-in-the-community)

## Support for vulnerable communities

The State Welfare Incident Coordination Centre (SWICC) can support eligible vulnerable community members to find alternative housing and/or welfare assistance such as food. People or their support persons can contact the COVID hotline 13 COVID (13 26843) or 1800 032 965.

* Information in languages other than English: [COVID-19 vaccine information in your language | Australian Government Department of Health](https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-vaccine-information-in-your-language)

## Posters and Resources

[Get COVID ready](https://healthywa.health.wa.gov.au/~/media/HWA/Documents/Health-conditions/COVID19/Get-COVID-Ready-fact-sheet.pdf)

[I have COVID – what should I do?](https://healthywa.health.wa.gov.au/~/media/HWA/Documents/Health-conditions/COVID19/14144-Aboriginal-I-have-COVID-fact-sheet.pdf)