Daily Status, 5pm

There are 7370 cases of COVID-19 in Australia. 94 new cases in the past 7 days.

Western Australia has had 602 cases – 1 new case in the past 7 days. There is currently 1 active case and 592 people have recovered.

There are currently 16 unknown sources. No new ACTIVE regional cases. There have been 67 regional cases in total and all have recovered. See chart below for regional breakdown.

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Australian Confirmed Cases of COVID-19

Cumulative Cases of COVID-19 in WA

Number of COVID-19 Tests in WA

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Weekly Roundup

Another week, and WA has recorded only 1 new case of COVID-19 in the past 7 days. We have recorded five consecutive days with 0 new cases.

WA is still in phase 3 of the phase 4 “roadmap to recovery” and regional boundaries have been lifted however, the restrictions on entering remote Aboriginal Communities remain in place.

There is increasing pressure from the Commonwealth Government for Western Australia to open borders however, the Premier is standing firm on the decision that WA border will be reopened “when we get the health advice that says it’s the right time to do so”.

Current Developments

South Australian (SA) Borders open to Western Australia (WA), Tasmania and Northern Territory (NT).

The SA Government have eased border restrictions for people entering SA from WA Tasmania and NT. Travellers entering SA directly from any of these states are no longer required to quarantine. If you enter via other states the quarantine laws will still apply.

Phase four can be ‘bolder’: Cook

WA’s Health Minister Roger Cook said the state could be "bolder" in its fourth stage of eased COVID-19 restrictions after a testing snapshot revealed no cases lurking within the community. The State Government’s two-week asymptomatic testing blitz of selected cohorts yielded no positive results in more than 18,500 tests taken.

The Minister said it gave the Government confidence to be bolder and more ambitious as it contemplated phase four of eased restrictions, expected to be announced over the coming weeks.

Testing of primary and high schools students and staff at 40 public schools has commenced for the next round of community snap shots.

Public Hospital Elective Surgery back at full capacity

Less than three months after non-urgent elective surgery was suspended to enable our health system to prepare for the impact of COVID-19, elective surgery is back at full capacity.

Approximately 3,550 Western Australians will undergo an elective surgery or procedure this week and a plan to address the backlog of cases will be developed.
Lotterywest COVID-19 Relief Fund Supporting WA Community

The State Government has delivered almost $6 million in financial support to 70 Western Australian community groups and local government authorities through the Lotterywest COVID-19 Relief Fund. Established in late March, $5,976,891 in grants have been provided to support crisis and emergency relief across the State.

The State Government, through Lotterywest, swiftly responded to the COVID-19 pandemic by reprioritising its community grants program to focus on creating the Relief Fund.

The Fund supports not-for-profit organisations and local government authorities to help vulnerable Western Australians and those experiencing hardship during this unprecedented time.

Prison social visits set to resume with in weeks

Planning is underway to resume social visits to Western Australian prisons in line with the staged easing of COVID-19 restrictions.

The Department of Justice, Corrective Services Division expects to reintroduce face-to-face visits at custodial facilities within a few weeks in accordance with current health advice for prisons. Physical distancing will apply during visits and space is being made available.

Other restrictions being lifted include the use of custodial gymnasiums and sporting ovals, and religious services have also resumed.

Corrective Services has also begun preparations - including risk assessments and discussions with local communities - so they can restart community work and other external programs for prisoners.

New Advisory Council for Mental Health and Alcohol and Other Drugs to be established.

The McGowan Government will establish a new Community Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drug Council to strengthen collaboration between the community services sector, government and consumers, carers and families. The Council will contribute to the reform of the Western Australian mental health, alcohol and other drug system, by providing high level leadership on topics such as:

- developing more person-centred care across services;
- catering for co-occurring mental health, alcohol and other drug issues; and
- integrating the sector.

The AHCWA COVID-19 Members Support Team is here to assist all Member Services. If you have any enquiries, or require further information and support please email Public.Health@ahcwa.org
Policy and Advocacy

The Policy Team:

- Is continuing to promote WA COVID-19 issues on a national platform through NACCHO
- Provided feedback to WA Health on the state’s COVID-19 Integrated Remote Aboriginal Communities Outbreak Response Plan
- Supported the attendance of the Chair of the AHCWA Youth Committee at a COVID-19 Ministerial Roundtable on Youth
- Is continuing to liaise with Department of Premier and Cabinet on local outbreak response plans
- Attended a consultation with the Department of Training and Workforce Development on skills needs and workforce issues to ensure the state is prepared for any further COVID-19 outbreaks, and to influence workforce planning in the post-COVID world.
- Is continuing to work with the WA Council of Social Services (WACOSS) and the community services sector to influence the state’s COVID-19 recovery plan as it relates to the social determinants of health.

Clinical Information

National Immunisation Program Pneumococcal Vaccination Schedule from July 2020

Following on from the updated immunisation information in last week’s Communique, the new Pneumococcal Vaccination Schedule which will take effect from 1st July can be found [here](#).

The “clinical decision tree” helps to understand this new schedule and should be read in conjunction with the NIP pneumococcal vaccination schedule from 1 July 2020 clinical advice for vaccination providers and the Australian Immunisation Handbook.

It also provides an updated list of risk conditions for pneumococcal vaccine recommendations and their eligibility for funding under the National Immunisation Program (NIP).

Myth Buster

Can shoes spread the COVID-19 virus?

The likelihood of COVID-19 being spread on shoes and infecting individuals is very low.

As a precautionary measure, particularly in homes where infants and small children crawl or play on floors, consider leaving your shoes at the entrance of your home. This will help prevent contact with dirt or any waste that could be carried on the soles of shoes.

#Coronavirus #COVID19
Men’s Health Week 15 – 21 June 2020

International Men's Health Week is celebrated every year around the world in the middle of June. It is an important opportunity to highlight men's health and what it means to be healthy.

“Men's Health Week is designed to provoke thought and discussion about what needs to be done to improve the lives and health of men and boys, through a series of promotions, events and publicity around the country.” (Men’s health week.org.au. 2020)

The best people to improve men’s health in Australia are those who live, work and play alongside men and boys in communities around the country.

Today, AHCWA celebrated Men’s Health Week with a BBQ lunch and the watching of video’s that the male staff at AHCWA made addressing their own important messages to share with the community. These messages can be seen over this week on the AHCWA Facebook Page.

Thank you to Brett Walley (AHCWA Family Wellbeing Coordinator) for the excellent feed and coordinating the event, and to all the contributing staff who were involved in the messaging process.

Links where more information can be found include WA Men’s Health and Wellbeing Policy page and the Men's Health Week organisation website.

(WA DoH, 2019)