



# Clinician alert #47 – all clinicians

Effective from **23 February 2021**

## New information

- Victoria is now deemed a low risk state.
- The CDNA Guidelines have been updated.
- The COVID-19 vaccination program rollout commenced on 22 February 2021. For more details see the [Healthy WA](#) website.

## Information for travellers from Victoria

- Victoria arrivals will be required to be tested on day 11 after arrival and will need to complete 14 days of self-quarantine.
- Victoria arrivals can leave WA before the end of their 14-day self-quarantine period, and before their testing requirement, but they cannot leave quarantine if they are awaiting a test result.

## 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).

## SARS-CoV-2 testing

[CDNA Guidelines](#) were updated on 29 January 2021:

- Change in case definition to include serological testing (seroconversion or a 4-fold or greater rise in titre of neutralising or IgG antibody).
- Advice to consider serology testing in symptomatic children who are repeatedly PCR negative but are known primary close contacts.
- For all serological responses to be counted as laboratory evidence, a person should not have had a recent history of COVID-19 vaccination.

Testing is recommended for anyone with COVID-19 symptoms, however mild.

It is recommended that patients who present to an emergency department and are subsequently found to meet testing criteria, are tested regardless of whether they are subsequently admitted or discharged.

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

Refer to the [Testing Criteria for SARS CoV-2 in Western Australia](#).

## 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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