



Clinician alert #40 – all clinicians

Effective from 24th December 2020

New information

- National guidelines now include historical cases in the case definition, and an expanded definition of contacts. Public Health (PHEOC) will identify and manage all contacts.
- As of 25th December, South Australia will be deemed a very low risk state.

Confirmed and historical SARS-CoV-2 cases

The definition of a confirmed case of COVID-19 includes a person who:

1. tests positive to a validated specific SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid test; **OR**
2. has the virus isolated in cell culture, with PCR confirmation using a validated method.

A historical case of SARS-CoV-2 has been defined as:

1. requiring laboratory confirmed evidence; **OR**
2. laboratory suggestive evidence supported by either clinical evidence **OR** epidemiological evidence and is not a confirmed case.

Further information regarding definitions of laboratory confirmed evidence, laboratory suggestive evidence, clinical evidence and epidemiological evidence can be found in the [CDNA National Guidelines](#). Serology testing should be confined to the criteria set out in the Testing Criteria for SARS-CoV-2.

Both **confirmed cases** and **historical cases** should be notified and reported.

Close Contacts and Casual Contacts

The [CDNA National Guidelines](#) has provided definitions and quarantine advice for close contacts and casual contacts. Public Health (PHEOC) will determine who is a contact, the type of contact they are, and any quarantine and testing requirements.

SARS-CoV-2 Testing

Refer to the [Testing Criteria for SARS-CoV-2 in Western Australia](#) for the most up to date testing requirements.

Controlled Border for Western Australia

As of the 25th of December, South Australia will be deemed a [very low risk](#) (unrestricted) state and there will be no quarantine or testing requirements for arrivals.

Very low risk state (unrestricted): NT, QLD, ACT, TAS, SA, VIC

Medium risk state (restricted): NSW

Information for NSW arrivals*

Date of arrival into WA	Testing requirement		Travellers permitted	Quarantine requirement
	Within 48 hours of arrival (or at Perth airport)	Day 11 test after arrival		
11 th December - 17 th December	Requirement expired	Yes – isolation after testing not required (provided they are asymptomatic)	All travellers	Nil
18 th December - 19 th December	Requirement expired	Yes – isolate post test	All travellers	14 days quarantine
From 20 th December	Yes – isolate post test	Yes – isolate post test	Exempt travellers only	14 days quarantine

*Note: this table provides general guidance for NSW arrivals; some travellers may receive other directions regarding testing or quarantine.

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