



# Clinician alert #32 – All clinicians

Effective from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020

## New information

The criteria for release from isolation have been revised.

### Release from isolation of cases

If a case is determined to have **severe** illness, at least 14 days must have passed since the onset of symptoms, whilst if a case is asymptomatic or has mild illness, at least 10 days must have passed since the onset of symptoms.

- **Mild illness:** cases not requiring hospitalisation or admitted to hospital for reasons not directly related to acute COVID-19.
- **Severe illness:** cases where hospitalisation was indicated for acute COVID-19, regardless of whether the case was hospitalised e.g. a case of severe illness in a residential aged care facility where the decision has been made for the patient not to be hospitalised.

Additional criteria must also be met to inform release from isolation, regardless of illness severity. Refer to the [Release from isolation factsheet](#) for complete criteria on release from isolation. Contact Public Health on **1300 316 555** (8am to 5pm, 7 days a week) to discuss release from isolation of a case, or discharge of a case from hospital.

### Maritime, Rig or Platform Crew

As per the [Approval for Rig or Platform Crew](#) and the [Approval for Maritime Crew](#), a person entering WA by air to be a crew member who has not completed 14 days quarantine in another state or territory will be given a centre direction to supervised quarantine in a government run quarantine hotel. For those crew members who have already completed 14 days of supervised quarantine, a direction to a crew hotel may be given for further quarantine requirements.

### Indian Ocean Territories Traveller

As per the [Omnibus Amendment Directions](#) effective 11:59pm on the 27 August 2020, arrivals into Western Australia from the Indian Ocean Territories will not be required to present to a COVID clinic for Day 11 testing.

### COVID-19 testing information

Refer to '[Testing Criteria for SARS-CoV-2 in Western Australia #14](#)' for further information regarding:

- Who to test for COVID-19
- Serology testing criteria
- Testing of persons arriving into WA
- Indian Ocean Territories arrivals
- Testing of workers responsible for transport, freight or logistics services
- Testing of asymptomatic patients
- Isolation following testing
- Requesting testing for visa requirements for overseas governments
- Reporting

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