

Western Australia enters five-day lockdown from 6pm tonight

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Fast evolving situation with a hotel quarantine worker testing COVID-19 positive
Five-day lock down starting 6pm today (Sunday, January 31, 2021) until 6pm on
Friday, February 5 for Perth, Peel and the South-West
Immediate measures introduced based on health advice to limit the spread

Effective from 6pm tonight until 6pm Friday, February 5, 2021 the State Government has moved swiftly to introduce these measures based on the best of health advice due to a fast evolving situation in Western Australia with the positive COVID-19 case detected in a hotel quarantine worker.

A five-day lockdown will be introduced for the Perth metropolitan area, Peel and the South-West regions to stop the spread of COVID-19.

People will be required to stay at home unless they need to:

- work because they can't work from home or remotely;
- shop for essentials like groceries, medicine and necessary supplies;
- medical or health care needs including compassionate requirements and looking after the vulnerable; and
- exercise with only one other person, limited to one hour per day in your neighbourhood and masks must be worn.

Masks are to be worn at all times when outside of your place of residence, this includes at workplaces and on public transport.

Schools will be closed for this week. Term 1, 2021 was due to start from February 1 but that will be postponed by one week.

The following restrictions apply for the lockdown period:

People should not leave Perth, Peel or the South-West during this period
People can enter Perth, Peel or the South-West only to access or deliver essential health and emergency services and other essential requirements;
Non-residents currently in Perth, Peel and the South-West are required to remain until the end of the restriction period however if you must leave for serious reasons; you are to then return home immediately, stay home and tested if symptoms develop;
Restaurants and cafes to provide takeaway service only;
Elective surgery and procedures for categories 2 and 3 will be suspended from Tuesday, February 2. Category 1 and urgent category 2 surgery will continue;
No visitors will be allowed in homes, unless caring for a vulnerable person or an emergency;
No visitors to hospitals or residential aged care and/or disability facilities, unless there are exceptional circumstances;
No weddings will be permitted;
Funerals are limited to 10 people; and
Travel remains prohibited within remote Aboriginal communities.

The following facilities within the Perth metropolitan, Peel and South-West regions will need to close:

- Schools, universities, TAFES and education facilities;
- Pubs, bars and clubs;
- Gyms and indoor sporting venues;
- Playgrounds, skate parks and outdoor recreational facilities;
- Cinemas, entertainment venues, and casinos;
- Large religious gatherings and places of worship; and
- Libraries and cultural institutions.

People are encouraged to get tested if they have symptoms and if people have been to an exposure site, they must go and get tested.

WA COVID clinic operating hours will be extended as part of a testing surge. Testing locations and times can be viewed here https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/COVID-clinics

All these measures will be reviewed regularly and the CHO will continue to monitor the serious situation and provide more ongoing advice.

Comments attributed to Premier Mark McGowan:

"Western Australians have done so well for so long but this week it is absolutely crucial that we stay home, maintain physical distancing and personal hygiene and get tested.

"This is a very serious situation and each and every one of us has to do everything we personally can to help stop the spread in the community.

"We've done everything we can to crush the virus but this deadly virus has a mind of its own and we need to stop it in its tracks.

"Throughout this pandemic the community has done everything we have asked of them and they have great made sacrifices, and it has kept our State safe.

"I could not be more proud and thankful of the way Western Australians have carried themselves and now we're asking for your help once again."

Comments attributed to Health Minister Roger Cook:

"We have acted decisively and swiftly given these circumstances.

"I want to thank everyone in advance for their patience. Expect disruption and delays. This is a highly unpredictable virus.

"But it is important to act calmly and take sensible precautions.

"We've maintained caution in abundance the whole way along this unpredictable COVID-19 journey. We need to stay the course together.

"Take care of your loved ones and be respectful of others including those who are working to keep essential services and supplies ticking over."

LIST OF EXPOSURE SITES:

The WA Health contact tracing team is still working with this positive case and a list of exposure sites will be updated on the <http://www.wa.gov.au> and https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Coronavirus/Locations-visited-by-confirmed-cases

Location	Type	Date of concern	Time of concern
Coles, Caledonian Ave and Guildford Rd, Maylands	Supermarket	25/01/2021	2000 – 2200
KFC, 209 Guildford Road Maylands	Hospitality	27/01/2021	1800 – 0000
Mitsubishi Motors 161 Great Eastern Highway, Midland	Car dealership	27/01/2021	1900 - close

Spudshed, Coventry Village, 243-253 Walter Rd W, Morley	Supermarket	27/01/2021	2000 – 2400
ECU, 270 Joondalup Drive Building 31	University	28/01/2021	1100 – 1400
Consulate General of India, L6, 12 St Georges Tce, Perth	Embassy	28/01/2021	1200 - 1700
Halal Grocery Store 8/224 Belmont Ave, Cloverdale	Supermarket	28/01/2021	1900 – 2100
Venus Ladies and Gentleman Hair Design Maylands Park 238 Guildford Rd Maylands	Hairdressers	29/01/2021	1300 - 1500
Perth Convention Centre	Conference Centre	29/01/2021	1600 - 1800
Nedlands Family Practice	GP surgery	29/01/2021	1700 - 1800
Chemist Warehouse North Perth	Pharmacy	29/01/2021	1730 - 1930
7-Eleven Ascot	Petrol Station	29/01/2021	2000 - 2100
Coles, Caledonian Ave and Guildford Rd, Maylands WA 6051	Supermarket	29/01/2021	2000 – 2100
Puma Service Station, 265 Great Eastern Hwy, Burswood	Service Station	30/01/2021	1100 – 1200
Coles Express/Shell Service Station, Wright St &, Belmont Ave, Cloverdale	Service Station	30/01/2021	1200 – 1300
Pharmacy 777, Maylands Park Shopping Centre 3, 238 Guildford Rd, Maylands	Pharmacy	30/01/2021	1430 – 1600

In addition to these site, people who live or work in the Falkirk Avenue Maylands shopping centre precinct should present for a test.

For a list of COVID testing sites

visit: https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/COVID-clinics

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