

# Perth and Peel lockdown ends at midnight

Friday, 2 July 2021

Perth and Peel lockdown to end as planned at 12.01am Saturday, July 3

Safe and sensible pathway to return to pre-lockdown life

Until 12.01am Tuesday, July 6, post-lockdown interim restrictions in place

Masks mandatory when people leave their home

All businesses can reopen with capacity limits

Perth and Peel borders removed with conditions for travellers to other regions

Pending the latest health advice, from 12.01am Tuesday, July 6, restrictions will further ease for a transitional period of six days, until 12.01am Monday morning, July 12

The Perth and Peel circuit breaker four-day lockdown will end as planned at 12.01am (July 3) based on the latest public health advice.

A post-lockdown interim restriction period will be in place for the Perth and Peel regions until 12.01am Tuesday morning (July 6) to keep Western Australians safe.

Pending the health advice at the time, restrictions will further ease for a transitional period until 12.01am Monday, July 12 ahead of a return to pre-lockdown life. This will allow for the completion of the full 14-day incubation period.

Western Australians must continue to use SafeWA, practise physical distancing where possible and maintain good personal hygiene at all times.

The post-lockdown interim measures for the Perth and Peel regions come into effect from 12.01am Saturday morning, July 3 until 12.01am Tuesday morning, July 6 (pending the latest health advice), and include:

Everyone must continue to wear masks in indoor and outdoor public places, while at work and on public transport, unless exempt or for outdoor vigorous exercise;

People who can work from home or remotely, are encouraged to do so;

Limit of 10 visitors to all homes;

Limit of 20 people for private outdoor gatherings;

Four square metre capacity rule and 20 patron limit for restaurants, cafés, pubs, bars, casinos, nightclubs, entertainment venues and public venues - for seated food and drink service only;

Four square metre capacity rule and 20 patron limit for beauty, nail and hair services;

Public venues such as recreation centres, outdoor playgrounds, museums and swimming pools can open with the four square metre capacity rule and 20 patron limit in place but no group classes can take place;

Fitness venues including gyms, Pilates, yoga, dance studios can open with four square metre capacity rule and 20 patron limit in place;

Places of worship can open with four square metre capacity rule and 20 patron limit;

Weddings and funerals can proceed with up to 20 guests;

Professional and outdoor community sports, including training, permitted but without spectators. Indoor community sport is not permitted;

No visitors to residential aged care and/or disability facilities except for exceptional circumstances such as essential care, compassionate reasons, end of life and advocacy;

No visitors to hospitals except for compassionate reasons, end of life, accompanying a child, supporting a partner giving birth;

Non-urgent Category 2 and 3 elective surgeries have been postponed in metropolitan public hospitals until and including Friday, July 9. People are urged not to contact hospitals directly as they will be contacted to reschedule their appointments;

Intrastate Perth and Peel border removed, meaning people can travel, with the exception of some remote Aboriginal communities, but anyone who has been in Perth and Peel since Sunday, June 27 is subject to the same mask wearing requirements and will not be allowed to visit hospitality, entertainment and recreation venues or other public gatherings. People are permitted to enter retail venues and other businesses for takeaway;

People identified as casual contacts are not permitted to travel outside the Perth and Peel regions until 12.01am Monday, July 12 unless for essential or compassionate reasons; and

Travel remains prohibited to remote Aboriginal communities.

Pending the latest health advice, on Tuesday morning (July 6) restrictions will further ease as the Perth and Peel regions enter a transitional period for six days until Monday, July 12.

This will allow for a safe and sensible return to pre-lockdown life.

The following eased transitional restrictions are expected to take effect from Tuesday morning, July 6 until Monday, July 12 (pending the latest health advice):

- Masks are not required outside where physical distancing is possible;
- Masks are mandatory for indoor public venues, including in the workplace and on public transport. Exemptions apply including for medical reasons and primary school aged children or younger. People should use common sense and take a mask with them whenever they leave home;
- Anyone who has been in the Perth or Peel regions since Sunday, June 27 but has since travelled to another region must also wear a mask subject to the above conditions;
- 30-person limit in all homes for indoor private gatherings and 150-person limit for outdoor private gatherings;
- Two square metre capacity rule and 150 patron limit for restaurants, cafés, pubs, bars, casinos, nightclubs, entertainment venues and public venues - for seated food and drink service only;
- Two square metre capacity rule and 150 patron limit for beauty, nail and hair services;
- Public venues such as recreation centres, outdoor playgrounds, museums and swimming pools can open with two square metre capacity rule and 150 patron limit;
- Indoor and outdoor community sport can resume with spectators;
- Fitness venues including gyms, Pilates, yoga, dance studios can open with two square metre capacity rule and 150 patron limit;
- Weddings and funerals permitted for up to 150 guests;
- Outdoor gatherings can take place with up to 150 people without a COVID event plan;
- Places of worship can open with two square metre capacity rule and 150 patron limit;
- Non-urgent Category 2 and 3 elective surgeries have been postponed in metropolitan public hospitals until and including Friday, July 9. People are urged not to contact hospitals directly as they will be contacted to reschedule their appointments;
- A patient in hospital, or a person in aged care or a disability facility can have four personal visitors per day. Masks mandatory for staff and visitors; and
- Major stadiums, including Optus Stadium, RAC Arena and HBF Park, can operate at 50 per cent capacity.

For more information on post-lockdown plans, visit <https://www.wa.gov.au>

**Comments attributed to Premier Mark McGowan:**

"The present situation around Australia is very concerning and distressing.

"Fortunately for Western Australians, our circuit breaker four-day lockdown has worked. It's put us in the best possible position to crush this COVID-19 cluster from New South Wales.

"Contact tracers, people working in testing and in pathology have been working around the clock to keep Western Australians safe and they have done a brilliant job.

"To our contact tracers, first responders and all the Western Australians doing the right thing - thank you for your efforts to keep WA safe.

"Our work doesn't stop here. As we enter into a post-lockdown interim period we must all continue to comply with the restrictions that will help us crush the virus.

"We have a safe and sensible plan out of lockdown. We just need to stick to the course and do the right thing over the coming nine days to enable us to return to the freedoms of pre-lockdown life."

### **Comments attributed to Health Minister Roger Cook:**

"Everyone needs to be congratulated on how they have responded so far to this latest community outbreak.

"We know lockdowns, wearing masks and business restrictions are far from easy.

"But the alternative is something none of us want to experience if this highly contagious Delta strain did take hold in our community.

"So we will continue to be cautious and ask for your patience.

"Almost 600,000 Western Australians have now had at least one dose of Pfizer or AstraZeneca.

"We have seen an encouraging uptick in vaccination numbers this week on the back of the latest outbreak.

"I cannot stress enough how important it is for everyone to get vaccinated when they become eligible.

"Roll up for WA - for yourself, your loved ones and your community.

"Let's keep that momentum going."

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