

## Clinician alert #60 – all clinicians

Effective from 29 June 2021

## **New information**

- Three cases of COVID-19 have been reported in the Perth area. An outbreak has been declared and the Perth and Peel region entered a four-day lockdown at midnight on 28 June 2021.
- Clinicians and health services should be on high alert for COVID-19 and all patients should be managed accordingly using appropriate infection control measures.
- Non-urgent Category 2 and Category 3 elective surgeries have been postponed up to and including Friday 9 July.
- Outpatient appointments should be via telehealth if possible, or rescheduled if non-urgent.

## Changes to hospital policy for the Perth and Peel region

- All staff are required to wear a mask at all times.
- No visitors to hospitals except for compassionate reasons, end of life, accompanying a child, or supporting a partner giving birth.

## **SARS-CoV-2 Testing**

Testing is recommended for anyone with COVID-19 symptoms, even those with mild symptoms. Anyone who has been to one of the potential exposure locations will need to get tested and quarantine as per the instructions they are given.

- A list of locations visited by confirmed COVID-19 cases has been published on the wa.gov.au website and this will be updated as more information is known.
- Please encourage all staff and volunteers to regularly check this website for locations and to isolate and get tested if they have visited at the times listed.

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