

# Clinician alert #67 – all clinicians

# Effective from 24 September 2021

#### **New information**

- The WA Department of Health invites Health Care Workers involved in the care of admitted hospital patients with confirmed COVID-19 to undergo regular, voluntary asymptomatic PCR testing for SARS-CoV-2.
- After hours contact reminder for public health advice on COVID-19.

## WA Health Care Worker voluntary COVID-19 testing in Health Care Facilities

Eligible healthcare workers are invited to undergo voluntary asymptomatic COVID-19 testing on day 5 and 12 after first contact, and then every 7 days until 14 days have passed from last contact.

#### Eligible workers:

- Staff members working in a hospital who are involved in the care of an admitted patient with confirmed COVID-19
- This includes clinical and non-clinical staff (i.e. ward clerks, contractors, other staff) who have been in the patient zone (including transfer areas e.g. emergency department, other areas) from the admission until the patient is cleared of infection.

Additional information is provided in the Fact Sheet.

## Contact details for public health advice

During office hours, please phone the Public Health Emergency Operations Centre on (08) 9222 0221.

After hours and weekends: please telephone the on-call Public Health Physician, via the Department of Health Duty Officer, on (08) 9328 0553

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