

## **COVID-19 TRANSITION PLAN SUMMARY**

### **14 DECEMBER 2021**

Western Australia will reopen its borders at 12:01am on Saturday 5 February 2022.

WA Premier Mark McGowan announced the State now has a first dose vaccination rate of 89.1% for 12 years+ and 79.9% double dose vaccination rate for 12 years+.

When the hard border restrictions ease WA's COVID-free bubble will pop. The Government yesterday announced what the ongoing restrictions and requirements will be when we open and COVID-19 begins transmitting through the state.

**The information below relates to the conditions that will apply from the re-opening on 5 February.**

### **PROOF OF VACCINATION**

The State Government is developing a new integrated smart-phone app for proof of vaccination, use of SafeWA and G2G registrations. The app will be available early next year.

You can use a printed copy of the COVID-19 digital certificate or immunisation history statement as proof of vaccine; however people will need to present approved identification with it.

### **SHOWING PROOF OF VACCINATION AT WA VENUES**

People aged 16+ will need to show proof of vaccination for entry at:

- nightclubs
- the Crown casino complex
- the four major stadiums (Optus Stadium, RAC Arena, HBF Arena, HBF Park)
- events with 1,000 or more patrons

Other businesses may choose to have proof of vaccination requirements as a condition of entry to protect their staff and patrons.

### **SAFEWA AND CONTACT REGISTERS**

Contact registers are now and will still be required. From the transition date, taxis and ride share vehicles will also be required to maintain a contact register.

We encourage all Sheds to use the WA Government's SafeWA app to enable easy check in for people. A paper contact register must also be available.

## **COVID SAFETY PLANS AND EVENT PLANS**

The WA government is updating COVID Safety Plans and public event plans for WA's transition and new templates will be available soon. COVID Event Checklists, Event Plans and Event Guidelines are also being updated.

## **MASK WEARING**

Mask wearing will be required for:

- public transport, taxis and rideshare services
- airports and on flights
- visitors to hospitals, residential aged care, residential disability care, and custodial corrections facilities

## **TRAVEL**

There will still be testing and vaccination requirements on travellers. And it will be the responsibility of the travellers to check the travel requirements of their destinations before travelling.

### **Interstate**

All interstate arrivals aged 12 and over must be double dose vaccinated, unless medically exempt, with PCR testing requirements dependent on length of travel.

Interstate travellers will need to provide proof of full vaccination and return a negative PCR test within 72 hours of travel and undertake another test within 48 hours of arrival.

- If your trip into WA was for six days or more, you must have a negative PCR test within 72 hours of departure and undertake a PCR test within 48 hours of arrival into WA.
- If your trip to WA was for five days or less, you will not need to undertake any tests on arrival.
- If you are leaving WA and returning within five days or less, for example a weekend trip to Melbourne, you will not need to take a test before returning to WA but you will need a PCR test within 48 hours of arrival once you are back in WA.

### **International travel**

International travellers will not need to quarantine if they have been double vaccinated but will need to test negative for the virus before departure and on arrival.

Unvaccinated international travellers or those without an approved vaccine, will still need to quarantine in a hotel or state-run facility for two weeks.

### **Regional travel in WA**

If regions in WA can't reach the 80% double dose by 5 February, they will be subject to more restrictions including expanded proof of vaccination requirements for venues and air travel into the region, and mask wearing required at venues not covered by the vaccination requirements.

Entry will still be restricted to remote Aboriginal communities where necessary.

## **ISOLATION RULES**

WA Government advises that the isolation rules for contacts of confirmed cases is still being determined.

## **LOCK DOWNS**

No mention was made of lock downs.

## **MEN'S SHEDS OF WA CHAPLAIN**

Our Chaplain includes and respects all beliefs, all services provided by our Chaplain are non-discriminatory and available to Shed members of all beliefs. Discussions with our Chaplain are confidential.

Richard can assist individuals who are isolated, hurting, or experiencing difficult times including family breakdown, illness, confusion, grief or pain.

You can contact Richard at [chaplain@mensshedsWA.org.au](mailto:chaplain@mensshedsWA.org.au) or you can get in touch with him through our office.

## **MENTAL HEALTH HELPLINES**

Some people in Sheds might find this transition plan to be quite stressful, especially if they are high risk or a carer for someone who is high risk. Please make sure to reach out to your members and make sure they are ok. There are many services available for people who need to talk to someone.

- Lifeline on 13 11 14 (<https://www.lifeline.org.au/>)
- Suicide Call Back Service on 1300 659 467 (<https://www.suicidecallbackservice.org.au/>)
- Beyond Blue on 1300 224 636 (<https://www.beyondblue.org.au/>)
- MensLine Australia on 1300 78 99 78 (<https://mensline.org.au/>)

## **IN THE MEANTIME**

There are things we can all do now to help prepare ourselves for the 5 February transition:

- Encourage our Shed members, and friends and family to be vaccinated (<https://rollup.wa.gov.au/>).
- Get your booster shot as soon as you are eligible (vaccine boosters are now available 5 months after your second vaccine dose).
- Have your proof of COVID-19 vaccination ready.
- Link your Medicare to your myGov account and create your Digital Identity, in preparation for the WA Government's new mobile app, available in early 2022.
- Make sure you have a supply of masks at home.
- Take care of ourselves as much as possible. Reduce stress where you can, drink water, eat well, and try to ensure adequate sleep and moderate exercise to maintain your current health.

- Spend time with your friends and family and enjoy your Christmas. We do know that is hard for some people and we encourage you to reach out for support if this is a difficult time for you.
- Continue to use the SafeWA app to check in at venues when you're out and about.

Please check in with family and friends or reach out if you or anyone you know needs help and we will all continue to do the great work of Sheds in looking after each other.

We will continue to keep you up to date with health orders and news as we have it.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Wild', written in a cursive style.

James Wild

CEO