



Western Australian Network of  
Alcohol & other Drug Agencies

## **Western Australian Alcohol and Other Drug Services' Response to Lockdown Notice – 1 February 2021 12pm**

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WANADA has undertaken a quick consultation with AOD services to gauge the impact of the lockdown notice announced on 31 January 2021. The results of this early consultation (as at 12pm 1 February 2021) are below.

WANADA is, and Government can be, confident in the response of AOD services to the lockdown.

### **In General:**

- All treatment services contacted to date are continuing to operate
- All staff have been contacted, informed and supported as necessary
- All staff at risk, having attended a hotspot, have been identified, supported to be tested and isolate as required
- Staff impacted by school closures – staff numbers have been impacted and have required some services to reduce service provision/call on staff pools where possible
- All services reported having COVID safe plans ready to put in place – all plans, as necessary, have been operational as of 31 January 6pm
- Most services have established a stock of masks and are aware of access routes for further masks if necessary and/or to maintain adequate supplies
- Staff are being assisted to seek support and to monitor their well-being as needed

### **Residential Services:**

- Services have added hotspot information into screening for consumer activity and access
- Non-essential external visits have been halted – reverting to remote visits where appropriate
- Isolation units have been re-introduced
- Most services have a store of masks, however will access supplies from Dept. of Communities as necessary and to maintain supplies
- Yet to determine impact on NFP-operated prison services

### **Non-Residential services:**

- Skeleton staff where necessary in offices (with masks) and limited entry by consumers to support distancing and cleaning
- Most counselling staff are working remotely
- As per government requirements, masks are mandatory at service offices

### **Needle and Syringe Exchange:**

- Maintaining ongoing practices in the metro region – already COVID safe
- Bunbury – no mobile service, reverting to COVID preparation plan

### **Sobering Up Services and Community Connectors:**

- Community Connectors are maintaining services in metro region using COVID safe practices
- We are yet to confirm status of sobering up centres, and will update shortly

### **Phone Services**

- ADSS is maintaining services during lockdown, with usual hours and call triaging in place
- . There may be a slight delay in responding but anyone who leaves a message will be called back.