

Resources for Alcohol and Other Drug Services:

5 February 2021

There are a range of resources available that may assist your organisation's planning. WANADA has below provided some initial suggestions. More are available through the [Western Australian](#) and [Australian Government](#) Departments of Health.

Topic	Resources
5 February 2021 Restrictions	<p>As announced by the Premier last night, if there remain zero cases of community transmission each day in WA, the South West will return to pre-lockdown conditions like the rest of regional WA at 6.01pm this evening.</p> <p>However, Perth and Peel will be subject to transitional restrictions until 12.01am on Sunday 14 February. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A return to normal working locations • Masks are required outside your home, including at work. • Limits on gatherings and events, including the 4 square metre rule for businesses and venues. <p>Mandatory contact registers will remain, and everyone is encouraged to continue hygiene and physical distancing measures such as sanitising and washing your hands with soap regularly; and staying 1.5 metres from each other.</p> <p>You can find more detail and information on the restrictions at WA.gov.au with health advice at healthywa.wa.gov.au.</p>
Community Sector Partnership – COVID-19	<p>The Department of Communities, the Mental Health Commission and the community services sector are working together to ensure the most vulnerable people in Western Australia are supported through the COVID-19 pandemic and ensure services continue to be provided to the people we support.</p> <p>Visit Community Sector Partnerships (COVID-19) for information on taskforces, messages to the sector, practice updates, resources and more.</p>
Locations visited by Confirmed Cases	Healthy WA - Locations Visited by Confirmed Cases
Testing	Healthy WA - COVID-19 clinics
Essential Services	<p>Alcohol and Other Drug Services are defined as Essential Health Services during a pandemic. <i>During the current lockdown, people are required to stay at home unless they undertake duties as an essential worker who provide either an essential health service or essential goods and services.</i></p>
PPE Access - Requests	<p>The Department of Communities is coordinating the distribution of masks for essential frontline workers (who will continue to deliver services during lockdown) and people who are living with vulnerabilities.</p> <p>To access masks, please email incidentcontroller@communities.wa.gov.au. When making contact, please provide the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisation name • Address for delivery • Number of frontline staff working over the next 5 days • Number of vulnerable individuals supported

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PPE Distribution	<p>Over three million masks have now been delivered to the community sector and government agencies. Deliveries continue today for use by community service organisations and vulnerable members of the community.</p> <p>More than 161,000 masks have now been distributed across the mental health, alcohol and other drug sector by the Mental Health Commission, in conjunction with the Department of Finance, Department of Communities and with the support of contractors.</p> <p>These have been delivered to community-based organisations servicing vulnerable cohorts in the Perth and Peel region. Masks are also available to service providers in the South West via the four Department of Communities offices:</p> <p>MHC service providers in the South West can collect masks from the following Department of Communities offices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bunbury: Communities Housing Office - 22 Forrest Avenue • Busselton: Communities Office - 88 Kent Street • Collie: Communities Child Protection Office - 68 Wittenoom Street • Manjimup: Communities Child Protection Office - Lot 432 South West Hwy <p>A total of 2.3 million masks have been provided by the government to support 132 community organisations, who provide services to vulnerable people.</p> <p>Please avoid any wastage and only use these additional masks for their intended purpose - keeping your staff and clients/residents safe in accordance with WA Health guidelines.</p> <p>You can contact ngocommunitysupport@mhc.wa.gov.au if you have any issues with mask supplies or if you have any questions.</p>
How to use PPE	<p>How to use a face mask: https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Coronavirus/Face-masks</p> <p>Face Mask Resources for the Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep up the good work WA • Stay safe - use a mask • Stay safe - use your mask effectively • Lockdown Radio - Masks - 30 seconds
Face Covering Directions	<p>Under these directions, persons in the Perth, Peel and South West regions are required to wear a disposable surgical mask or fitted cloth mask unless an exception applies. More information is available at WA Government - Face Covering Directions.</p>
Travel Restrictions – G2G Pass	<p>Following the Perth, Peel and South West lockdown, the G2G Pass has been activated to process applications to enable approved travel across WA regions. To submit your travel declaration visit the G2G Pass website to set up an account and complete your application. If you have an existing G2G Pass account, simply login to complete your application.</p> <p>All adults are required to register their travel with their own individual email address.</p> <p>Please ensure you carry your identification and justification for travel – whether it be an email from your boss or appointment letter from your doctor – at all times.</p> <p>Children under the age of 18 are not required to register their travel through G2G PASS, but you can add them to your registration to assist WA Police when you arrive in WA.</p>
Sector Status Summary	<p>WANADA will update the WA Alcohol and other Drug Sector Status Summary as more information comes to hand.</p>

<p>Funding certainty for service providers</p>	<p>In March 2020, the WA Department of Finance issued advice to government agencies and service providers that until 30 June 2021, service providers who remain in operation will not have payments withheld for failure to deliver services due to COVID-19.</p> <p>This advice remains in place in relation to the current COVID-19 lockdown. Service providers are urged to notify their contract manager as soon as they become aware of disruptions to service provision due to COVID-19. Contract managers can then record it as a Force Majeure event and work with the service provider to maintain continuity of critical services as much as is practicable.</p> <p>Lotterywest has acknowledged that the current COVID-19 restrictions may mean you are unable to deliver your funded projects in the ways in which they were originally intended.</p> <p>Lotterywest staff will be working from home during this lockdown period and encourages people to call or email to discuss options for current grants. This may include variations to funding agreements, programs and reporting timeframes, or cancelling or postponing events.</p> <p>The Lotterywest team can be contacted on 133 777 or via email grants@lotterywest.wa.gov.au.</p> <p>Please check the Lotterywest website www.lotterywest.wa.gov.au regularly for updates, including access to frequently asked questions on both the COVID-19 Relief Fund and Grant Opportunities pages.</p>
<p>Mental health hostels and supported accommodation</p>	<p>A new process flow map has been developed regarding the management of mental health patients in hostels and supported accommodation. It provides guidance to providers for when a patient is diagnosed with or suspected to have COVID-19 during periods of low community transmission. The process flow map includes key questions and useful links to help guide hostel and supported accommodation providers.</p> <p>The process flow map is titled 'Management of mental health patients in hostels and supported accommodation diagnosed with or suspected to have COVID-19 during periods of low community transmission'. You can access the process flow chart here or via this page of the Healthy WA website (under the Community Care Providers sub-heading).</p>
<p>Youth</p>	<p>The Department of Communities (Communities) recognises that young people may be particularly vulnerable during the COVID-19 response, including the current lockdown.</p> <p>Useful information for service providers and the young people they support is available in the Department of Communities Community Sector Update - COVID-19 Response - Youth (courtesy and in response to the Youth Affairs Council of WA – YACWA).</p>