

COVID-19 is in our community: remember to use your masks properly and dispose of them considerately.

## Easing of Restrictions

The State Government has issued new directions which give effect to the easing of COVID restrictions as from 14 April 2022. These include:

- **Revised close contact definitions**
- **No limits to home and private outdoor gatherings**
- **500 capacity limits removed from all hospitality venues**
- **No requirement for contact registration except at hospitals**
- **No requirement for RAT testing for travellers arriving in WA**

Detailed information can be found [here](#).

### Are you a close contact?

A close contact is now defined as:

- a household member or intimate partner of a person with COVID-19 who has had contact with them during their infectious period
- someone who has had close personal interaction with a person with COVID-19 during their infectious period, where they spent 4 hours of cumulative contact with them in a residential setting, (i.e. a home, accommodation facility) where masks have been removed by both people for all of this period
- someone who is directed by WA Health that they are a close contact

***The refined close contact definition means schools will no longer need to contact trace classroom or equivalent contacts when school resumes for Term 2.***

### Information for WA Travellers

The [HealthyWA website](#) provides valuable guidance and information about COVID-safe travel in WA and what to do if you become a close contact or COVID positive while travelling.

**Important:** If you return a positive Rapid Antigen Test (RAT), you must [register your result \(external link\)](#) with the Department of Health.



# COVID-19 Community update