



Vicar General

Thursday, 28 April 2022

Public health and social measures to ease from 12:01am, Friday 29 April.

The Western Australian Government has announced that from **12:01am, Friday, 29 April 2022, Level 1** Public health and social measures will ease to baseline measures across Western Australia.

The new base line measures will see the removal of; masks in most settings, density and capacity limits, proof of vaccination, G2G Pass requirements and provides new asymptomatic close contact protocols.

The transition to base line measures will consist of the following:

Mask Wearing

- Masks are no longer mandatory except for high-risk settings for people aged 12 years and older (including year 7s) in the following settings:
 - on public transport, in taxis and rideshare vehicles and other passenger transport.
 - airports.
 - hospitals, residential aged care and disability service facilities, and correctional facilities.
- Masks are encouraged where physical distancing isn't possible.

Close Contacts

- Close contacts with no symptoms are not required to **isolate for 7 days**, but must:
 - undertake a daily Rapid Antigen Test.
 - wear a mask when leaving the house.
 - avoid high-risk settings, including hospitals, healthcare settings, disability and aged care facilities, and correctional facilities.
 - work from home, where possible.
 - avoid non-essential gatherings and contact with people at risk of severe illness.
- They should also notify their employer/educational facility of their close contact status.
- Close contacts with symptoms must continue to isolate until symptoms resolve and get tested as per existing protocols.
- If a close contact tests positive, they must isolate for a further 7 days as per arrangements for positive COVID-19 cases.

Density and Capacity Limits

The **2 square metre (2sqm)** rule is removed for places of worship, venues and businesses.

Proof of COVID-19 Vaccinations

- No longer required to enter venues and businesses.
- Still required to visit hospitals and residential aged care facilities.
- Mandatory workplace vaccination requirements will remain in place.

Travel

- The G2G Pass registration is no longer required.
- Triple dose vaccination no longer required for interstate arrivals.
- Double dose vaccination requirement for international arrivals will continue as per Australian Government requirements.
- Unvaccinated Australian international arrivals to continue to quarantine for 7 days.
- Travel to remote Aboriginal communities remains restricted.

Hospitals and Residential Aged Care And Disability Care Facilities

- The limit of **2 visitors** will remain per resident per day.
- Essential visitors are also allowed at hospitals for compassionate reasons, birth partners, carers/parents/guardians etc.
- Visitors are required to show proof of COVID-19 vaccinations and wear a mask.
- **Proof of vaccination** applies for visitors.

The WA Government's full announcement outlining all restrictions can be found [here](#).

Yours Fraternally,



Very Rev Peter Whitely
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