

COVID-19 is in our community. Please use and dispose of your masks properly.

RATs for Toodyay Households

The Toodyay Community Resource Centre (TCRC) has received a supply of Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs). **5 RATs per household** are now available at the TCRC for those who wish to collect them.

If you return a positive Rapid Antigen Test, you must [register your result](#) with the Department of Health.

Close Contacts

As of 29 April 2022, a close contact is considered:

- **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 an infectious person, where they spent 4 hours of cumulative contact with them in a residential setting (including a home, residential care facility, boarding school, maritime vessel or other accommodation facility) in any 24-hour period, without masks**
- **Someone who is informed by WA Health that they are a close contact**

People are generally more contagious in the early stages of their infection – according to Harvard Medical School, 1 or 2 days *before* developing symptoms and 2 days *after* developing symptoms. Symptoms often develop in the 3-5 days following exposure.

It is recommended that people who may have been exposed to COVID-19 outside of the definition of a close contact are socially responsible and wear a mask, watch more carefully for symptoms, do a test after a few days, and avoid non-essential higher risk settings where possible.

Vaccinations Are Keeping West Australians Out of Hospital

Recent hospitalisation data shows that the un-boosted population accounts for 61% of COVID-related hospital admissions. The estimated 1% of the population who is unvaccinated accounts for 32% of admissions.

COVID-19 winter vaccine boosters are available on a walk-in basis at state vaccination clinics.

Public Health Measures Are No Longer Mandatory But Recommended

As WA transitions to living with COVID-19, many previously mandated restrictions have been lifted. However, certain measures continue to be highly recommended. These include:

- **Physical distancing**
- **Socially responsible mask-wearing in certain settings**
- **Practicing good hand and general hygiene**
- **Taking a RAT or PCR test if symptoms develop**
- **Avoiding crowds and high-risk settings if you may have been exposed to COVID-19**

Ongoing personal responsibility remains important in effectively managing COVID-19 long-term. Remember that *masks remain mandatory for those aged 12 years and over in aged and disability care facilities, hospitals, taxis and rideshares, public transport, airports and correctional facilities.*

Grants Available for Small Businesses Affected By COVID-19

A new [tiered grant program](#) will be available to businesses that experienced a 30% reduction in turnover during any consecutive two-week period between 1 January 2022 and 30 April 2022.

More information on the grant program can be found [here](#).



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