



WA Country
Health Service

COVID-19 Update for the Kimberley



Monday, 31 August 2020



Data

Number of new cases **0**

Number of recovered cases **20**

Number of active cases **0**

Number of days since last confirmed active case **144**

Total number of tests performed **6,712**

We understand there has been some confusion about the total number of COVID positive cases in the Kimberley. The Department of Health reports as of 11am on 31 August 2020 the number is 20. Figures can be redistributed based on the fact people may have undergone testing locally, but now reside outside of the region.

We cannot underestimate the risk of COVID-19

- Access into remote Aboriginal communities remains restricted.
- To protect Western Australians, our hard border closure remains in place.
- The WA Government has requested the Commonwealth provide an additional 130 Australian Defence Force personnel to help bolster WA's border control points between Eucla and Kununurra, hotel quarantine and contact tracing regimes. This would see an additional 12 ADF personnel based at the Kununurra border.
- No one will be allowed into Western Australia if they have been in Victoria or New South Wales in the previous 14 days, unless they meet new exemption requirements.
- Western Australians returning from interstate must self-quarantine for 14 days. People returning to Western Australia from Victoria with an exemption, will be given a direction to quarantine in a hotel facility in Perth, at their cost, and continue to meet the mandatory testing requirements.
- Exempt travellers coming to WA from New South Wales will be subject 14 days' self-quarantine and mandatory COVID-19 testing.
- Any truck driver now entering Western Australia will need to show evidence of having received a negative COVID-19 test result in the last five days. Those without recent test results will be directed at the WA border to take a COVID-19 test within 48 hours. Regular testing means that interstate drivers will be tested every seven days.
- Western Australians are urged to continue to wash their hands regularly for at least 20 seconds, maintain distance from others where possible and not go to work or school if you're unwell.
- The McGowan Government has committed a \$110.9 million for the Kimberley region as part of the WA Recovery Plan, to drive economic and social recovery, and create a pipeline of local jobs.
- The Plan focuses on getting locals back to work and includes a significant investment in sectors including construction, manufacturing, tourism and hospitality, renewable energy, agriculture, education and training, and conservation. To find out more, visit <http://inthisogether.wa.gov.au>

Acknowledgement of Country The Government of Western Australia acknowledges the traditional custodians throughout Western Australia and their continuing connection to the land, waters and community. We pay our respects to all members of the Aboriginal communities and their cultures; and to Elders both past and present.