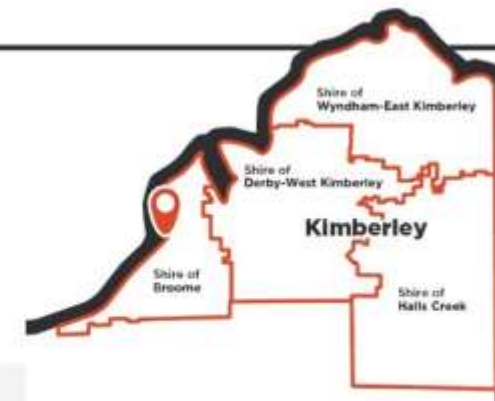




COVID-19 Update for the Kimberley



Monday, 5 October 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	179
Total number of tests performed	8,277

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 5 October 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.

- Access into remote Aboriginal communities remains restricted.
- To protect Western Australians, our hard border closure remains in place. No one will be allowed into Western Australia unless they have a valid exemption.
- Strict quarantine rules are in place for anyone entering WA with a Police-issued exemption.
- Last week the new G2G Now App was launched to ensure people in 14 days self-quarantine follow the rules and keep our community safe. This new app will allow WA Police to check-in on people remotely, while in self-quarantine.
- From today, anyone entering Western Australia from Victoria will be allowed to complete self-quarantine, instead of in a hotel, providing they have access to a suitable premise. The limited exemption categories for Victorian arrivals will continue to apply and they will continue to be subject to mandatory COVID-19 tests on arrival and on day 11 of their quarantine.
- Also from today, the additional restrictions which had applied to New South Wales will be lifted. That will mean that the current conditions that apply to other States and Territories, except Victoria, will now apply to NSW as well. People entering WA from NSW will also need to present for a COVID-19 test on day 11 of their quarantine.
- People are reminded that they must get tested for COVID-19 if they have a fever of 37.5°C or above, recent history of fever, acute respiratory symptoms such as coughing, shortness of breath, sore throat or acute loss of smell or taste.
- Western Australians are urged to continue to wash their hands with soap regularly for at least 20 seconds, maintain distance from others where possible and to not go to work or school if unwell.
- There are many job opportunities available in regional WA due to a lack of travellers and backpackers available to fill jobs in the agriculture, hospitality and tourism sectors. Aboriginal people are urged to apply for jobs that might not normally be available. Additional information is available at: WA.gov.au/workandwander