

Living with COVID -19

Supporting respiratory patients in General Practice

Fact Sheet
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COVID-19 is becoming part of usual business and life. In response to this transition, GP respiratory clinics will be closing by the end of February 2023, so it is likely that patients with respiratory symptoms will be returning to General Practice. This fact sheet has been created to support practices review their procedures and infrastructure to be able to sustainably accommodate respiratory patients.

Get your practice ready with these essential tips:



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The Practice Set Up

- Review your pandemic plan. As a team decide how you will handle future outbreaks and how you will determine what defines an outbreak.
- Keep up to date with alerts and directions by following [WA Clinician Alerts](#) and [SHICC bulletins](#)
- Keep up to date with [WA guidelines for COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control](#)
- Embed telehealth in the practice – Digital Health Toolkit - [Telehealth set up](#)
- Embed the use of E- prescribing – Digital Health Toolkit - [E prescribing set up](#)
- The [COVID-19 PPE, Infection Control and Exposure Response Pathway](#) available on WA HealthPathways provides information on the following:
 - Infection control, including PPE
 - Practice set up and patient management, including patient screening questions



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Patient Journey

- [Tips for administration teams](#)
- Review patient arrival and pre-arrival process to minimise the risk of [COVID -19 transmission](#)
- The [COVID-19 Self-care Patient Triage and Support Pathway](#) available on WA HealthPathways provides information on the following:
 - Patient journey processes and triage
 - Self-care resources for patients



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Communication with your patients

- Keep your patients informed with practice updates - [Consider social media and web tiles](#)
- [COVID-19 Resources for General Public guide](#)



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Practice workforce

- Develop a practice policy for staff PPE use, isolation, and vaccination
- Review the [practice outbreak management plan and business continuity plan](#)
- Keep up to date with COVID-19 cases and close contact advise on [HealthyWA](#)



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Treatment and Management

- Keep up to date with reviewing relevant WA HealthPathways on [COVID-19](#)
- Implement safe [Spirometry in the practice](#) procedures

Need health pathways login details? Please [click here](#) and request the details to be sent to you

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