

## WA COVID-19 Roadmap Phase 4, 5 and 6

## June 2020

On Monday June 22, 2020, the McGowan Government announced the move to Phase 4 and the updated COVID-19 Roadmap to include Phases 5 and 6.

Phase 4 will start on Saturday, June 27 and will result in:

- All existing gathering limits and the 100/300 rule removed;
- Gathering limits now only determined by WA's reduced 2sqm rule;
- The 2sqm rule will include staff only at venues that hold more than 500 patrons;
- Removal of seated service requirements at food businesses and licensed premises;
- No requirement to maintain patron register at food businesses and licensed premises;
- Alcohol can be served as part of unseated service arrangements;
- All events permitted except for large scale, multi-stage music festivals;
- Unseated performances permitted at venues such as concert halls, live music venues, bars, pubs and nightclubs;
- Gyms operating unstaffed, but regular cleaning must be maintained; and
- The casino gaming floor reopening under agreed temporary restrictions.

For WA's major sport and entertainment venues, a 50 per cent capacity rule will apply. Therefore, under Phase 4 the temporary capacity of Optus Stadium will be 30,633 for sport events (35,000 for concerts), HBF Park can hold 10,150 (16,500 for concerts) and RAC Arena can hold 7,150 (8,250 for concerts).

Phase 5 is planned to be introduced on Saturday, July 18 and will result in the removal of the 2sqm rule.

It is also expected to see the removal of all gathering restrictions, other COVID-related rules introduced by the State Government and the 50 per cent capacity limit for major venues.

Phase 6 was going to include the removal of WA's hard border with the rest of the country and travel restrictions currently in place for remote Aboriginal communities.

A tentative date for the removal of WA's hard border was planned to be included as part of Phase 6, however this was put on hold due to the rapidly evolving situation in Victoria.

When an indicative date is set in the future, it will be contingent on locally acquired infection rates in the Eastern States.

The WA hard border will only be removed when the WA Chief Health Officer is confident the spread of infection is controlled in the Eastern States.

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## **General Health Advice**

The West Australian government advises residents in conjunction with the easing of restrictions, social distancing measures must be adhered to. These include:

- Avoiding close contact staying 1.5m apart
- Downloading the COVIDSafe app
- Washing your hands regularly and practicing proper cough and sneezing etiquette
- Adhering to the 4sqm rule when in public spaces

## **Further information**

More information will be available on the WA Government COVID-19 response website at www.wa.gov.au/government/covid-19-coronavirus

The Business Industry and Advice phone line is: 13 26 843

Details of the WA Stimulus Package is available here.

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