

# COVID-19 Update #09

The Department of Health are the lead agency for this situation and people are advised to [visit their website](#) as a true and accurate source of information.

Community health and safety remains a top priority for the Shire of Irwin as the global Coronavirus outbreak continues to be monitored closely.

## Important Message from the Shire of Irwin

In light of the recent COVID-19 cases in Perth and resultant 5 day lockdown of the Perth, Peel and South West regions, please be assured that the Shire of Irwin is ready to action directives from the State Government to keep our community safe.

The Shire has sought clarification regarding self isolation and testing for residents that have recently travelled home from Perth:

***Self-isolation and COVID-19 testing is only required if the person was at any of the registered sites in the specified timeframe as listed on the [Department of Health's website](#).***

Face masks are not mandatory in the Midwest region, however the Shire of Irwin recommends that residents acquire face masks in preparation. If you're having difficulty acquiring a personal face mask, please contact the Shire of Irwin on 9927 0000 and we may be able to assist.

***Please ensure you maintain physical distancing, good personal hygiene and scan the SafeWA QR code, or register manually, when entering public venues.***

## Shire Services Update: Changes to facilities, events and activities



Open



Closed

Shire of Irwin Services	Status	Activities in Shire-owned Premises	Status
Shire of Irwin Administration Office		Shire-owned Public Ablutions	
Dongara Public Library & Visitors Centre		Dongara Playgroup	
Council Meetings		Irwin Autumn Centre	
Shire of Irwin Depot		Dongara RSL	
Dongara Public Library & Visitors Centre		Dongara Denison Local Rag	
Irwin Recreation Centre		Dongara Pottery Group	
Irwin Rec Centre – 24hr Gym Access		Dongara Bowling Club	
Shire of Irwin Transfer Station		Dongara Patchwork Club	
Waste Collection Services		Dongara Denison Art Group	
Container Deposit Scheme		Dongara Pistol Club	
Shire of Irwin Community Bus		Starfish Café	
Shire Playgrounds and Skatepark		Dongara Golf Club	
All Drink Fountains and Public BBQ's		Dongara Charities Op Shop	
Coastal Node Camping Sites			
Planning, Building, Health Services			

## Non Shire-owned Premises

Community Resource Centre (CRC)		Irwin District Historical Society	
Licensing Centre			

Refer to the below for further information regarding any changed service delivery

## The following is advised for the Midwest Region: COVID-19 Safety Plans

Western Australians must continue to keep up physical distancing where possible and use good personal hygiene to better protect themselves and the general health of our community by enforcing;

- 2 square metre rule still applies (except for seated and ticketed performances at seated entertainment spaces within selected venues and places of worship)
- Capacity limits for WA's major venues
- Restricted access to remote Aboriginal communities
- Restricted access to residential aged care facilities
- WA's controlled interstate border.

For more detailed information, please visit the [COVID-19 coronavirus: WA Roadmap](#) webpage.

For any businesses or groups that are required to develop or revise a Safety Plan, please do not hesitate to seek assistance from the Shire's Consultant Environmental Health Officer, Gordon Houston.

From 12:00am, 2 February 2021 mandatory contact registers will be expanded in WA.

Additional businesses will include:

- retail venues including supermarkets, department stores, shopping centres, pharmacies, hardware stores and retail components of other businesses where customers are physically present such as at bank branches
- commercial buses or vessels that can carry 12 or more people where different groups of people interact e.g sightseeing tours, private charter buses / boats, wine and foot tour buses
- public and private hospitals (visitors only - persons visiting patients, or attending meetings/lectures, couriers, and contractors)
- takeaway food and beverage services
- events with a COVID Event Plan (500+ patrons), and certain outdoor functions and gatherings under 500 people (e.g. weddings, corporate functions, fetes, festivals).

For further information about the contact registers, please follow this link:

[Mandatory Contact Registers Expanded to Keep WA Safe](#)



### Council Meetings

Shire of Irwin Council, will at this stage, still be meeting in person in the Council Chambers and members of the public are still welcome to attend the next meeting. This is subject to change at short notice pending any further disclosures relating to COVID 19. However, we do kindly request that members of the public register the day before the meeting to allow staff time to arrange the room in accordance with the 2 square metres per person rule. Registration can be made by telephoning 9927 0000 or emailing [reception@irwin.wa.gov.au](mailto:reception@irwin.wa.gov.au).

### Shire of Irwin Community Bus is **closed**:

- Bus services are currently under review

### Irwin District Historical Society Museums are **closed**

- Irwin District Museum closed until Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February
- Russ Historic Cottage closed until Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February

*To stay up to date, please visit our website [www.irwin.wa.gov.au](http://www.irwin.wa.gov.au).*

## Find the Facts on COVID-19

Various resources for employers, schools, health, aged care, childcare, transport, travel and hotel sectors are available at the following websites:

- <https://www.health.gov.au/resources>
- [HealthyWA website](#)
- [Commonwealth Department of Health](#)



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Health**



[State Government Coronavirus Page](#)

## State Government Updates

Please follow these Government Links for Further information:

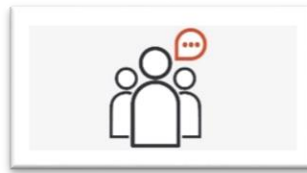
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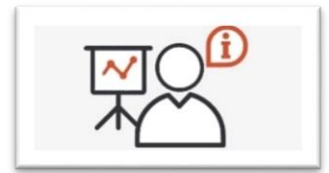
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[COVID Safety Plans and Guidelines](#)



[Safe WA App](#)



**National Coronavirus Health Information Line: 1800 020 080**

*The Shire would like to thank the community for their cooperation, support and understanding during this difficult time.*

*Stay safe, healthy and happy 😊*

*Shane Ivers*

Chief Executive Officer