

# COVID-19 INFO SHEET



MEMBER FOR COWAN  
**ANNE ALY**

**Dear Cowan residents,**

Our community is facing an incredibly tough time. The threat of the COVID-19 virus is serious and it does not discriminate.

The economic consequences of the virus have been severe - we are seeing our loved ones, neighbours and colleagues lose their sources of income.

However, the greatest threat is the health consequences. We all have a duty to stop the spread of the virus and follow health guidelines, like social distancing.

It is important that every resident in Cowan knows that while my office doors are shut we are still here to help. You can send us an email or leave a phone message and we will get back to you.

**We will get through this, together. In the meantime, stay safe, stay home and save lives.**

As we move to the recovery, my priority will be protecting and creating jobs in Perth's North.

**Dr Anne Aly**  
Federal Member for Cowan

## How we can stop the spread

**Practicing good hygiene is the best way we can stop the spread of Coronavirus.**

**You should:**

- ✓ Keep up the good work! We are flattening the curve and we need to keep up what we are doing to save lives.
- ✓ Maintain 1.5m distance from people at all times.
- ✓ Stay at home, except for essential outings.

**If you develop symptoms (fever, a cough, sore throat, tiredness or shortness of breath) you should contact the National Coronavirus Helpline on 1800 020 080.**

**For the most up to date information visit: [www.wa.gov.au/covid19](http://www.wa.gov.au/covid19)**

# FINANCIAL SUPPORT

**Jobseeker:** Payments from Centrelink for people who are unemployed and looking for work will be increased to \$1100 per fortnight for the next 6 months. The means test for getting Centrelink has also changed and the waiting times have been reduced.

**JobKeeper:** This is a payment of \$1500 for each employee so that businesses can continue to keep people employed. The \$1500 is the minimum payment and is not tax free.

**Economic Support Payment:** This is a \$750 once off payment for people who receive some Centrelink payments. This includes people on JobSeeker, the Age Pension or Disability Support Pension.

For more information visit: [www.treasury.gov.au/coronavirus/resources](http://www.treasury.gov.au/coronavirus/resources)

## SHOULD I SEND MY CHILD TO SCHOOL?

**Public schools in WA will be open for Term 2** for parents who choose to send their children.

The WA State Government has **given parents the choice** about whether their children return to school for face-to-face teaching or learn from home. It is a personal decision influenced by each family's circumstances.

The State Government will **keep our schools safe and clean with school cleaners working throughout the day.**

Parents may drop their children off at the school gate and are **not to enter the school grounds.**

Canteens will provide take-away only food, school swimming pools will be closed, and assemblies, camps, excursions and interschool activities will not be allowed.

## FAQs

**Should I wear a face mask?** You do not need to wear a face mask if you're healthy. Face masks can help to prevent transmission of disease from infected patients to others.

**Can I go to a beach or park?** Yes, if you are exercising and practising social distancing by keeping 1.5m from other people. Groups are limited to two people.

**Can I visit someone in hospital?** Yes, WA public hospitals are limiting visit times to one hour in the morning and one hour in the evening.

**Who can I speak to if I am concerned people are not complying to social distancing?** You can contact the WA Police on 131 444.

**If you have any questions or concerns - please don't hesitate to send an email or phone my office and we will try our best to answer your questions.**

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