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COVID-19: MAINTAINING GOOD HYGIENE

Thank you all for your commitment to preventing the spread of COVID-19. Western Australians are fortunate to now be living under some of the most relaxed conditions in the country, a direct result of the hard work done to manage the risk in the early stages of the pandemic.

However, the State Government last week made the decision to delay the introduction of Phase 5 COVID-19 restrictions for a further two weeks, as Victoria continues to experience high growth rates of new cases.

This is a reminder to us all that COVID-19 still represents a risk to the community, even though Western Australia's robust border and state-based controls have significantly reduced the number of active cases in our State. It's a fantastic achievement, but the fact remains that COVID-19 is highly transmissible, and the resurgence in Victoria is a warning against complacency.

The COVID-19 Incident Response Team is monitoring national developments and remains ready to respond if required.

It is essential volunteers and staff continue to maintain good hygiene practices, avoid close contact with others where possible and follow health advice if feeling unwell.

We are incredibly fortunate that WA has some of the most relaxed restrictions in the country, but now is not the time to let our guard down. By staying positive and vigilant, together we can continue to enjoy the benefits of a very successful suppression strategy.

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