



COVID-19 in Western Australia

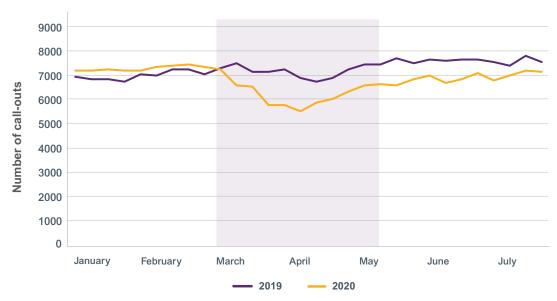
Bulletin 4: The impact on seeking emergency care

Ambulance call-out data from St John WA, and information on Emergency Department (ED) presentations indicate a downturn in overall emergency care seeking behaviour during March-April-May 2020 (the COVID-19 period), compared to the previous year.



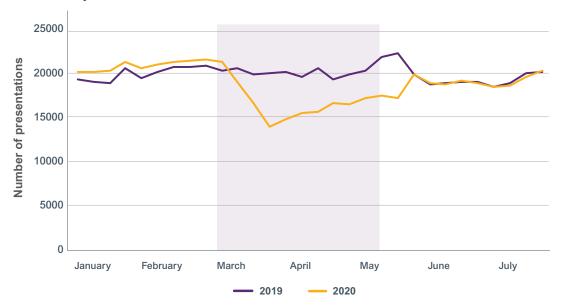


Total ambulance call-outs





Total ED presentations



- The downturn in ambulance call-outs and ED presentations during the COVID-19 period was evident across most major causes.
- There was no evidence that the downturn in seeking emergency care was leading to people presenting later with more severe disease.