



## COVID-19 Level 2 update, Waikato

### Welcome Dr Gustavo Faulhaber

Dr Gustavo Faulhaber is our new specialist haematologist. He had his training in Brazil, having a broad experience in both clinical and laboratory Haematology where he attained a Master and PhD degree in Medicine and worked as a university professor. Dr Faulhaber's interests are in medical education and research in Haematology Pathology; he will be providing services as a haematology pathologist across all Pathlab sites as well as private consulting in Waikato.



### Venesection Service for Iron Overload / Haemochromatosis

At COVID-19 alert level 3, only high-risk iron overload patients have been venesected (following national guidelines). During this period of lock-down we have reviewed this service and have identified several quality improvements, which will be communicated over the next few months.

With the new COVID-19 alert level 2, we encourage you to resume and prioritize the booking of patients with high risk hemochromatosis, carriers of homozygous C282Y or C282Y / H63D genotypes. We offer full assurance that we aim to provide the highest clinical benefit while maintaining social distancing according to the relevant COVID-19 risk and relevant guidelines.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any queries in this regard - [gustavo.faulhaber@pathlab.co.nz](mailto:gustavo.faulhaber@pathlab.co.nz).

### Collection Facilities re-opening

We are pleased to be able to advise of further collection facilities opening, as follows:

<b>Davies Corner (now open)</b>	<b>8.00am – 5.00pm</b>	<b>Mon – Fri</b>
<b>Glenview (now open)</b>	<b>8.00am – 5.00pm</b>	<b>Mon – Fri</b>
<b>Hamilton East (open from Mon. 18<sup>th</sup> May)</b>	<b>8.00am – 5.00pm</b>	<b>Mon – Fri</b>
<b>Pharmacy 547 (open from Mon. 18<sup>th</sup> May)</b>	<b>8.00am – 12.00pm</b>	<b>Mon – Fri</b>

We continue to review opening other facilities, as determined by increasing patient numbers.

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