



COVID-19 Community Testing

Effective 2nd June, Pathlab will be ready to collect COVID-19 swabs. The procedure is as follows:

Tier 1 – Virtual Assessment by GP:

- All Pathlab rooms that are currently open will be collecting swabs – click link for up to date collection room information - <https://www.pathlab.co.nz/locations>.
- The clinician emails the request forms to the dedicated email address requestforms@pathlab.co.nz.
 - stating the patient NHI and room the patient will attend in the subject line, and
 - ensuring the current phone number for patient is on the form.
- No signature is required if ePath form is used (process as detailed below).
- Please do NOT send a physical copy as well.
- The patient will then be contacted for an appointment time.
- Some swabs are likely to be done with patients remaining in their vehicles, depending on the facility location.

Tier 2 – Collected at GP Practice:

Please note: PPE and Covid-19 collection packs must be ordered from **THIS FORM** for Tauranga hospital stores. The pack will include instructions for your collection, packaging and sending to Pathlab.

- Swab collected as per collection pack instructions.
- Swab double bagged and labelled with COVID-19 sticker.
- Pathlab form in outer pocket of bag.
- Swab can be stored in standard chilly bin. (Swabs should ideally be refrigerated if unable to be sent to the laboratory immediately but will be okay at ambient temperature for up to 48 hours).
- Any other samples (e.g throat swab) taken at the same time as a COVID-19 swab must be sent in a separate bag with a separate form please.

Laboratory Form within PMS

The following details must be recorded:

- Site of swab -Nasopharyngeal/Oropharyngeal.
- Date of onset of symptoms.
- Presence of - fever, cough, SOB, sore throat, loss of smell/taste, any other symptoms.
- Travel History – days since return.
- Contact with COVID Patients Y/N
- HealthCare Worker Y/N

Pre-printed Paper Form

For those providers who require a paper-based form, please click on **THIS LINK**.

ePath Form Process

TESTING, IGNORE T Date of birth 01-Jul-1987 (32y) Gender Female NHI ZZZ0059

Address 399 Cameron Road, Ta... Contact details Unavailable Diagnoses Other IDs Allergies

Ordering clinician TEST DOC (TESTZ) Copy to Urgent? Not urgent Repeat? Do not repeat

Clinical details

Fasting? Non-fasting Pregnant? Not pregnant

MICROBIOLOGY

Urine Swabs

Mid Stream Urine Skin Swab (Superficial) MRSA screening

Catheter Urine Wound Swab (Deep) MRSA Screening Swab- single site

Urine Other Theatre Swab (Sterile) MRSA Screening Swabs- 2 sites

Urine - Chlamydia/Gono- PCR Eye Swab (Left) MRSA Screening Swabs- 3 sites

Urine Parasites Eye Swab (Right) Faeces

Ear Swab (Left) Faecal specimens for infective gastroenteritis and/or other investigations require clear clinical details. Microbiology staff will add the appropriate tests according to information provided.

Ear Swab (Right) Mouth Swab Faecal specimen

Mouth Swab Nasal Swab Faeces - H. Pylori Antigen

Nasal Swab Nasal Swab (Staph Carriage) COVID-19 PCR testing

Throat Swab Throat Swab COVID-19

Tongue Swab Tongue Swab

Perianal Swab Perianal Swab

Respiratory Reproductive/Genital Swabs Molecular Diagnostics

Sputum M/C S Vaginal Swab Chlamydia/Gono PCR -Swab

Bordetella PCR Cervical Swab Chlamydia/Gono PCR -Urine

Eclair

Please provide some additional information for this item.

Item **COVID-19**

SITE

Supporting Clinical Information: Choose one
Nasopharyngeal (NPS)
Oropharyngeal (OPS)

SYMPTOMS:

Date of symptoms 22-May-2020

Fever (tick if yes):

Cough (tick if yes):

SOB (tick if yes):

Sore Throat (tick if yes):

Loss of Smell/taste (tick if yes):

Other Symptoms

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any assistance.

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CLINICAL UPDATE

Please ensure all members of your institution receive a copy of this clinical update.