



Move to Level 3

Collection Facilities

While there is the recommendation for people with underlying health issues to remain at home, Pathlab will continue with the facilities we currently have open. We are working with limited staffing and trying to provide the best service. As this changes we will notify you.

We understand you are expecting an increase in activity through general practice with delayed presentations and the need to get back into monitoring long term conditions which have currently been deferred. To this end there are no restrictions on testing and the microbiology and molecular restrictions have been removed. Although we request you to continue to “choose wisely.”

The exceptions that remain are venesections, FNA, Bone marrows and skin allergies which require consultation with a pathologist / specialist for prior approval.

Current domiciliary criteria continue to be:

- Immunocompromised, bed-bound or incapacitated, dementia/ hospital level patients,
- Only requests from GP's will be accepted,
- Being over 70 years old is not a criterion for a home visit, and
- Lack of transport is not a criterion for a home visit.

Request forms:

- These can continue to be sent in advance of the patient to the dedicated email address - requestforms@pathlab.co.nz.
- **Please ensure you state in the subject line which collection facility the patient will attend.**
- Those using e-ordering are not required to print to sign, simply convert to pdf to email to us.
- **Please do not send us the physical copy as well.**

Thank you

We are most grateful for your help over the past few weeks by ‘choosing wisely’. It has ensured our staff and your patients stayed safe and continue to do so. We look forward to being able to return to our full operations in due course.

Dianne McQueen
Chief Executive

CLINICAL UPDATE

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