

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Patient Consent for receipt of results by SMS

Lavery is providing patient results by SMS at the request for the Department of Health and Human Services. For patients that are having testing performed for COVID-19 and would like to receive their results by SMS they are required to sign the stamp on the request form as acknowledgment of the below conditions.

Before going ahead with this there are a few things you need to be aware of:

1. SMS result delivery is only available for patients having a single PCR test for COVID-19.
2. The service is only available with their own mobile phone. It is not possible to have your results delivered to someone else's phone. It is not possible to have anyone else's results sent to your phone.
3. In order to keep your confidential medical information private, you are advised not to let others use your phone while results are awaited.
4. Upon its receipt, responsibility for the medical information contained in the SMS is solely yours.
5. SMS is not considered a secure means of communication. The SMS results delivery system uses two unique identifiers: your mobile phone number and the laboratory episode number. The SMS result includes only your first name. Despite this, if the communication were intercepted by a third party it is possible that you could be identified if the third party could link your mobile phone number to your identity in another way.
6. You are advised not to use this service for more than one COVID-19 test on a single day, as it would be difficult for you to distinguish which test result was which. The SMS result includes the date of collection but not the time of collection.
7. There is a small risk that your result could erroneously be sent to an alternative mobile number. If this occurs it will be sent with your first name and the laboratory reference number of your test only. No other readily identifying information would be included.
8. The SMS result itself does not constitute medical advice. The result needs to be interpreted in consultation with your doctor.

By signing the request form you are consenting that:-

- Your doctor has indicated that you are eligible to receive your results by SMS and you are only having a single PCR test for COVID-19 (if unsure, please check with your doctor).
- The number you have provided is correct and the mobile number is only used by you.
- You have read and understood the above information and would like to receive the results of your COVID-19 testing by SMS.

Example of Consent

Number provided is correct and only used by me.
I agree to receive my COVID-19 results by SMS.

Mobile No.

Signed by Patient:

For more information refer to our website Lavery.com.au