

CORONAVIRUS TESTING

(COVID-19)

Getting tested for COVID-19 is convenient, free and safe. When you have your COVID-19 test, you can receive your results by SMS text message if a mobile phone number is provided.

Patient Testing Criteria

Currently there are no NSW Health restrictions to testing for COVID-19. Testing by PCR is recommended in the following situations:

1. New onset of symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 infection e.g. cough, fever, sore throat, runny nose, malaise, shortness of breath, loss of sense of smell
2. Close or casual contact with another person known to have COVID-19 infection
3. Prior to visiting an Aged Care or Healthcare facility or a vulnerable person (check the specific requirements of the facility prior to testing)
4. After arriving in NSW from overseas (refer to <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Documents/guidelines-fully-vaccinated-arrivals.pdf>)

NOTE: COVID-19 testing for travel clearance is not covered by Medicare and charges apply. Refer to consumer.healio.com.au.

All patients being tested for COVID-19 should self-isolate until a negative result is available, unless otherwise advised by NSW Health.