

COVID-19 FAST FACTS 3 AUGUST 2020



It is critical that you continue to encourage all patients presenting with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 to be tested

- The NRHCC (Northern Region Health Co-ordination Centre) are trying to lift the overall level of testing for COVID-19 and need your support.
- All patients presenting with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 should be offered a test.
- The following symptoms are consistent with COVID-19: any acute respiratory infection with at least one of the following symptoms: new or worsening cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, coryza, anosmia, with or without fever.
- All tests should be free of charge to the patient.
- The Higher Index of Suspicion (HIS) criteria are unchanged and represent those who are our highest priority for testing.
- The drive to also test all patients presenting with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 is part of the broader disease surveillance.

Update on COVID-19 testing in relation to traveller who tested positive in South Korea

Please test anyone who requests a COVID-19 test because they are concerned about the traveller from New Zealand who recently tested positive for the virus in South Korea. You should provide a test even if they have no COVID-19 symptoms and regardless of their HIS score.

Please write **SURV-TM1** on the laboratory request form and claim via POAC as per the usual process.

There continues to be no evidence of transmission in New Zealand involving this case. All domestic contacts of this case tested to date have returned negative results. Despite no evidence of transmission, news coverage and contact tracing activity may create anxiety in our Auckland communities.

To send feedback, please email penelope.magud@middlemore.co.nz

IMPORTANT New COVID-19 Community Testing Centres (CTCs) now open

All CTCs will open Monday to Friday and be closed over the weekends. People needing a COVID-19 test outside the Community Testing Centre (CTC) opening hours will need to go to a general practice or urgent care clinic.

The Northcote COVID-19 Community Testing Centre (CTC) has moved from AUT North Campus to a new location.

Please find below the updated address for Northcote CTC and details of all CTCs as of today (3 August).

A staff member is at AUT North Campus for today (3 August) to redirect people wanting a COVID-19 test to the new location.

New Community Testing Centre locations Location	Centre Name	Address	Operating Hours	Referral Process (for all four CTCs)
NORTH	Northcote Community Testing Centre	16-18 College Road, Northcote. Corner of College Road and Kilham Avenue. Entrance via College Road.	Mon to Fri 8.00am to 3.30pm	Walk-in/Drive thru. No referrals/ presentations after 3.00pm
CENTRAL	Eden Terrace Community Testing Centre (by Whānau Ora Clinic)	112 New North Road, Eden Terrace. Entrance via Ngahura Street, Grafton	Mon to Fri 8.00am to 3.30pm	
WEST	Whanau House, Waipareira Trust, Henderson	Corner of Edsel St & Catherine St Henderson	Mon to Fri 8.00am to 3.30pm	
SOUTH	The Whānau Ora Community Clinic	25 Druces Road, Wiri	Mon to Fri 8.00am to 3.30pm	

To send feedback please email matt.hannant@middlemore.co.nz

COVID-19: Primary care quick reference guide updated 24 JULY 2020

<https://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/pages/primary-care-quick-reference-guide-24-july-2020.docx.pdf>

Auckland Region HealthPathway's Covid-19 up to date guidance and information

<https://aucklandregion.healthpathways.org.nz>

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