

Community Testing Centres (CTC) and Mobile Clinic Service

Please see attached for the most up to date list of CTCs and Mobile Clinic Services, as at 12th August 2020. This, however may be subject to change or updated at short notice through Medinz communications and can also be found through Auckland Regional Healthpathways.

A message on the Principles of Level 3 and maintaining Green and Red Infection Control “Streaming” from RNZCGP

“General practice still has a duty of care to the most vulnerable in our community - in particular the elderly and those living with co-morbidity and in deprivation. Physical distancing and hand washing are the mainstay of controlling COVID-19. The College and others are working on developing more information about caring for patients in the face of this resurgence and we will be getting this information out to members within the next week.”

The principles of Level 3

The following principles relate specifically to general practice.

- We need to continue to reassure patients that general practice is open for business.
- The first service to contact for community medical care is your general practice.
- Offer virtual consultations to patients as first choice: telephone, video and patient portal.
- In-person consultations should be available as required.
- In-person visits should be preceded by virtual triage or assessment.
- Maintain physical distancing procedures within the surgery.
- Scrupulous hand hygiene.
- Maintain the use of PPE as appropriate.
- Investigations should be provided if there is a strong suspicion of pathology.
- Proactive care is important for patients with chronic disease.
- Equity is central to care with a focus on Maori, Pasifika and vulnerable populations.
- Long term management is important for our patients.
- Increase focus on elderly, children, chronic conditions and mental health.
- Business as usual services need to continue including preventive services, immunisations, contraception services and acute care.
- Medico- legally any deviation from your standard practice as a result of COVID-19 should be documented in the patient’s notes.

Maintaining Green and Red Streams in general practice

“As the frontline of health in New Zealand we can all take comfort from the early successes of the fight against COVID-19, and the critical role that we in general practice have played in this outcome. It is contingent on us to continue to demonstrate leadership regarding the health of our patients, and ourselves. As such, we need to maintain physical distancing procedures within our surgeries.

In particular, patients with symptoms suggestive of respiratory infection must continue to be separated from non-respiratory patients within the practice. Signage for patients is essential, and some practices will find it necessary to have their doors locked - allowing only restricted access for the safety of patients and staff.

It is essential that we continue to provide the environment and the assurance to patients and our staff that our practices are safe for them and their families.”

Covid-19 Coding Advice from the MoH

The MoH last updated its Covid-19 coding advice on 30th June <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-resources-health-professionals/recording-covid-19>

The codes below should be used to record details of COVID-19 in the affected patient's health record and the MoH encourage the use of these codes to build knowledge of the virus. Medtech32, Medtech Evolution, Intrahealth Profile, MyPractice and Best Practice Software systems should be configured to use their respective code sets.

Concept	SNOMED CT code	Medtech code	Profile code	ICD-10-AM
Confirmed COVID-19	840539006	@MT0.02	COVID19-1	U07.1
Probable COVID-19	50881000210106	@MT0.04		U07.2
Meets clinical and higher index of suspicion criteria	840544004	@MT0.03	COVID19-2	Z03.8

Confirmed Covid-19 = positive swab test

Probable Covid-19 = high clinical suspicion +/- awaiting swab result

Meets clinical and higher index of suspicion criteria = Symptoms + HIS criteria

Auckland Regional Healthpathways

Please utilise ARHP Covid-19 pathway pages to support your work-flow. This link takes you to the Covid-19 suite. **Medinz communications** will be coming through regularly and any updated information can be found on the Healthpathways site. Please also make sure that each of your staff members has access and signed up to receive the direct medinz communications.

<https://aucklandregion.healthpathways.org.nz/723535.htm>

or access through;

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

Username: connected

Password: healthcare

We encourage your practices to particularly look at this pathway;

- [COVID-19 Primary Care Alert Response Framework](#)

which has been localised especially for the Auckland environment from the MOH escalation strategy framework.

- [COVID-19 Priority of Clinical Services in Primary Care by Practice Alert Level](#)

(This includes what to do regarding immunisations, spirometry, screening, WINZ forms etc. at each alert level)

<https://aucklandregion.healthpathways.org.nz/753308.htm>

Also of note;

[COVID-19 Child Assessment and Management](#)

[Tonsillitis and Sore Throat](#)

[COVID-19 Requests and Local Processes](#)

Staff ID cards

All Auckland PHO staff members are here to help. If you need ID cards for travel etc, please email Priscilla@aucklandpho.co.nz