

Important information for all *General Practice* – Please share this with everyone in your team

Notification of testing results

The three CBAC testing centres together with border testing facilities (airport and Lyttelton port) are responsible for notifying all test results to patients tested at those locations. Courtesy advisory notification of results is sent to the patient's general practice as identified by them at the time of being tested. There is no requirement for general practice to also notify the patient of any COVID test results carried out at a CBAC or Border testing facility.

For urgent follow up of lost test results, please contact the Orchard Road CBAC on phone 03 372 5129 (9.00 to 4.00pm only). **PLEASE DO NOT GIVE THIS NUMBER OUT TO ANYONE.**

New Border Order

A refresh of the border order now requires a higher frequency of testing in some of the higher risk groups who work at the border (airport or port).

If you have border staff who chose to have their routine asymptomatic testing with you in general practice, please make sure to document on the lab form that they are border staff undergoing routine testing, and ideally their employer and occupation.

Border staff having asymptomatic testing do not need to be managed as HIS (high index of suspicion).

Update to pre-travel testing for China

The Chinese Embassy have confirmed adjusted pre-travel testing requirements for anyone entering China.

Under 5 year olds do not need to be tested if they are travelling with an adult who is having a test.

The IgM blood test is being introduced into the requirements. This was previously not possible due to resourcing, however labs have been able to start gearing up for this requirement.

From 10/12/20 people travelling to China can either continue to have two PCR nasopharyngeal swabs or they can have a single swab and IgM serology taken at the same time.

From 18/12/20 (0.00am) people will be required to have a single PCR swab and IgM serology, and the two PCR swab method will no longer be accepted.

CHL are currently validating IgM testing kits. When the kits are available and a cost has been agreed we will provide this advice. As with the current arrangement pre-travel testing will require kits supplied by CHL.

We are also looking for clear guidance from MoH around what will happen if a person returns a positive IgM test. These tests are known to have a relatively high false positive rate.

The current tight turnaround timeframes close to departure and documentation requirements remain. If you are unable to meet the new requirements for pre-travel testing to China, please refer to one of the following providers set up to provide this service;

- Riccarton Clinic
- WeCare Health (Wigram)
- Moorhouse Medical

COVID-19 Community Based Testing Centres (CBACs):

- **Orchard Road CBAC (near Airport), [174 Orchard Road, \(off Harewood Road\), Christchurch.](#)**
Open 9am-4pm, 7 days a week. (Walk-in/no referral required).
- **Whānau Ora Community Clinic CBAC (Wainoni), [250 Pages Road, Wainoni, Christchurch.](#)**
Open 9am-4pm, 7 days a week. (Walk-in/no referral required)
- **Ashburton Hospital site CBAC - [28 Elizabeth Street, Ashburton hospital site,](#)**
Open 10am-2pm, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday only. (Walk-in/no referral required)

Christmas cover for COVID testing

A number of general practices will close between Christmas and New Year or may be open reduced hours. The three CBAC testing centres are expected to be open at normal times across this period EXCEPT Christmas day and New Years day.

Thank you

Thank you for your individual and team efforts which together continue to make a significant contribution to the Covid response across Canterbury. General practice teams are collectively carrying out over 43% of all swabbing in Canterbury.

Kind regards,

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