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## COVID-19 swabbing: Urgent call to action

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Auckland urgent care and general practices are asked to create and provide maximum capacity for Covid-19 testing.

High priority to be swabbed:

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- all contacts of current community cases (SURV-TM2 on lab form and e-Notification)
- all HIS- symptomatic and asymptomatic
- all symptomatic non-HIS

Asymptomatic non-HIS are lowest priority but may be swabbed (SURV-TM2 required on lab form and e-Notification).

**The e-Notification must be fully completed on the same day; this is critical for contact tracing purposes. Importantly - document the facility name and address if they are an Essential or Healthcare worker; in particular aged residential care.**

Please, where possible remain open until your last patient is swabbed. A home visit for assessment and swabbing is funded if required. (To be correctly funded - tick 'referred to hospital' on the e-Notification)

Please note, to support the current Alert Level 3 we will be instigating temporary changes to some reimbursement rates for after-hours\* assessment and swabbing in Primary Care through POAC (for General Practice and Urgent Care Centres). This is effective from 8pm Wednesday 12th to 7am Monday 17th August. Changes are as follows:

Assessment/swabbing	Who	e-Notification and lab form requirements	In Hours	Out of Hours*
Assessment - virtual	Any Covid-19 related virtual consult	Check: - 'Virtual Clinic Assessment'; and - 'Swab taken - no'	\$60	\$60
Assessment - no swab/decline swab	Any Covid-19 related assessment in person	Check: - 'Simple Assessment'; and	\$80 (increased from \$60)	\$120

		- ‘ Swab taken - no’ Check:		
		- ‘Simple Assessment’ and ; and		
Assessment + swab non-HIS	Non-HIS, +/- symptoms	- ‘Swab taken – yes’  If no symptoms add SURV TM2 code on lab form and e- Notification Check:	\$120	\$200
		- Full Assessment, add		
Assessment + swab HIS	HIS +/- symptoms	SURV-HIS on lab form, and write specific HIS criterion in Referral Details field on e-Notification  Check:	\$250	\$250
		- ‘Full Assessment; and	\$250	\$250
Assessment – No swab, sent to hospital	Symptomatic	- ‘Referred to hospital’ Check:  ‘Full Assessment’; and		
		- complete Swab taken section as appropriate; and	\$250	\$250
Assessment +/- swab + home visit required	Symptomatic	- ‘Referred to hospital’ (this is a work around to enable the full payment from the current form)		

\*Out of Hours = Monday to Friday after 8pm and before 7am, all day Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays.

Please note this is a temporary change and doesn’t set a precedent for future reimbursement rates.

*Each week Urgent Care Clinics and General Practices providing After Hours Services will be required to directly provide the NHRCC Analyst with an extract showing the date/time of arrival plus NHI for any COVID claims from their Patient Management System.*

*These will then be linked through to the e-Notification claim for payment.*

We thank you for your on-going support.

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### **IMPORTANT: Additional COVID-19 Community Testing Centres Open**

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Please find below the new Community Testing Centres (CTCs) pop-ups that are currently operational:

- Coast to Coast Wellsford Medical Centre
- Coast to Coast Walkworth
- Eventfinda Stadium Carpark (Wairau Valley)
- White Cross St Lukes Accident & Urgent Medical
- Health New Lynn
- Henderson Specialty Centre
- Botany Road CTC
- Local Doctors Airport Oaks
- Otara Town Centre CTC
- Takanini Urgent Care
- Waiheke Medical Centre

These are in addition to the permanent CTCs in Northcote, Eden Terrace, Henderson and Wiri.

Please see the attached for opening hours information and addresses. All CTCs and the aforementioned pop-ups will open this weekend.

[Metro Auckland Community Testing Centres 13 August 0800.pdf](#) [216.3 KB]

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