

Referrer information

Options for access to Respiratory Viral Pathogen PCR Testing

Referral Source	Collection by a healthcare professional		Self-collection	
	Performed at the referrer's practice ¹	Performed at designated collection centres ² (Appointment required)	Facilitated by the referrers and their practice ¹	Facilitated by COVID@homeplus and designated collection centres ³
General Practitioners and Private Medical Specialists	YES	YES	YES	---
Corporate entities (with a contractual arrangement)	YES	YES	YES	---
COVID@homeplus	---	YES	---	YES

¹Patients will need to check with their medical practice as to whether healthcare professional collection or self-collection of respiratory specimens is available. Medical practitioners are able to construct their own self-collection kits to support self-collection. The medical practice will utilise our existing courier service.

²The designated collection centres that offer respiratory PCR specimen collection by appointment are:

- 20-22 Gregory Street, Sandy Bay, Tasmania, 7005. Phone (03) 6223 1955
 - Opening hours Monday-Friday (8:30-16:00), weekends as required
- 71 Frederick Street, Launceston, Tasmania, 7250. Phone (03) 6334 3636
 - Opening hours Monday-Friday (9:30-14:30), weekends as required
- 52-56 Bass Highway, Cooee, Tasmania, 7320. Phone (03) 6432 8800
 - Opening hours Monday-Friday (8:30-14:00), weekends as required

³20 designated collection centres are available for COVID@homeplus clients to collect and drop-off self-collected specimens. In the after-hours setting, the COVID@homeplus medical officer may contact our on-call Clinical Microbiologist for assistance in facilitating specimen drop-off and processing if required.