

Covid-19 testing options for young children

WHERE CAN MY UNDER 5 YEAR OLD HAVE A COVID-19 TEST?

START HERE

Has your child got respiratory symptoms (eg cough, runny nose, sore throat, shortness of breath) or has your child been identified as a close contact of a confirmed case of Covid-19, or been to a location where HNE Health or NSW Health have asked people to self-isolate and test?

YES

NO

Is your child unwell? Would you, in normal times take your child to see your GP or take them to the Emergency Department?

Has your child been identified as a close contact to a confirmed case of Covid-19, or been to a location where HNE Health or NSW Health have asked people to self-isolate and test?

NO

NO

YES

YES



SEE A DOCTOR

If your child is very unwell call 000 or take them straight to Emergency.

1. If your child is not very unwell but needs to see a doctor make an appointment with the child's regular GP. The receptionist will advise about options including phone or video appointments

OR

2. a community respiratory clinic ** (visit patientinfo.org.au for details).



ORGANISE A TEST

- Visit a private pathology screening station** (no referral or appointment required) OR
- Book an appointment at a GP Respiratory Clinic**. They can assess and test children for Covid-19 OR
- Make an appointment with your GP to get a referral for testing. Many GPs offer an appointment by phone or video conference OR
- If none of the above options are available check the NSW health website for clinics (check ages) or visit your nearest ED's testing clinic.

Your child will need to stay in isolation*** until results are negative and symptoms are gone.

NOTE: if you have been asked by HNE Health or NSW Health to 'self isolate and test*' you must stay in isolation for the full 14 days, even if swab result is negative.



WATCH FOR SYMPTOMS

Your child does not need a swab. Keep an eye out for any symptoms and arrange a test if any develop e.g. cough fever, runny nose, shortness of breath, or sore throat.

*How do I know if I have been to an area that means I should immediately self isolate and arrange testing?

The fastest way to stay up to date with information from HNE Health is through **FACEBOOK** and listening to the **radio**. You can also check the NSW Latest News and Updates: NSW.GOV.AU/COVID-19/LATEST-NEWS-AND-UPDATES

**Information about Covid-19 screening stations and GP Respiratory Clinics is available at: PATIENTINFO.ORG.AU

***Self isolation guidelines from NSW Health: HEALTH.NSW.GOV.AU/INFECTIOUS/COVID-19/PAGES/ISOLATION-GUIDELINES.ASPX