

# COVID-19 Testing Plan (April to December 2022)

GROUP	General Population	High Risk and Priority Populations	Healthcare and Emergency Service workforce	Critical service workforce	Hospital inpatients	Hospital admissions	Household Contacts	Aged residential care	Community residential care	In-home care workers	Corrections	Border workers	Border arrivals or returnees	Education
PURPOSE	Protect Support public health management Surveillance	Support clinical and public health management Surveillance Access social support if required	Protect	Protect	Support clinical management and patient disposition	Support clinical management and patient disposition	Protect Support public health management Access social support if required	Protect Support clinical and public health management	Support clinical and public health management	Protect Support clinical and public health management	Protect Support clinical and public health management	Protect Support public health management Surveillance regulatory requirement	Protect Support public health management Surveillance regulatory requirement	Protect Support public health management
TESTING MODALITY	 	 	 		 	 		 	 	 	 	 	 	
TESTING APPROACH	Stay home if unwell. RAT if symptomatic PCR for sentinel surveillance Note, individuals may be also be tested Asymptomatic testing not recommended	Stay home if unwell. RAT if symptomatic PCR if indicated to inform clinical management. PCR or positive RAT if eligible for antivirals	PCR for symptomatic HCW (linked to vaccine mandate) – only those at risk of exposure. Daily RAT to work as part of CCES/test to return. RAT by clinical discretion	Stay home if unwell. Asymptomatic contacts daily RAT to work as part of CCES/test to return.	By clinical discretion and as per (local) hospital guidelines WGS if PCR positive	By clinical discretion and as per (local) hospital guidelines	Stay home until initial case has completed isolation. RATs on day 3 and 7 or For asymptomatic contacts daily RAT to work as part of CCES/test to return.	Staff: stay home if unwell. Asymptomatic contacts daily RAT to work as part of CCES/test to return. Residents: RAT initial and PCR to confirm by clinical discretion Visitors: Stay home if unwell.	Staff: stay home if unwell. Asymptomatic contacts daily RAT to work as part of CCES/test to return. Residents: RAT initial and PCR by clinical discretion Visitors: Stay home if unwell.	Stay at home if unwell. Test as appropriate per general population or high risk / priority populations. Asymptomatic contacts daily RAT to work as part of CCES/test to return.	Staff: stay home if unwell, Asymptomatic contacts daily RAT to work as part of CCES/test to return Voluntary asymptomatic testing. People in prison, RAT test, PCR by clinical discretion. Visitors permitted, stay home if unwell. Virtual visiting to protect health and safety if required.	PCR if symptomatic or RAT positive Asymptomatic testing as per already agreed approach which will be regularly reviewed. WGS if PCR positive	PCR if symptomatic or RAT positive Asymptomatic testing as per already agreed approach which will be regularly reviewed. WGS if PCR positive	If unwell stay home. RAT if symptomatic. Voluntary RAT twice weekly testing of staff in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>early learning until May.</li> <li>specialist schools, special needs units, and boarding hostels until end of Term 3. (Not all schools)</li> </ul>
<b>Key</b> RAT test     PCR test     After completion of isolation no further testing required if symptoms have resolved														