

COVID-19 Testing Fact Sheet for travellers

1. How do I arrange COVID-19 testing for travel?

It's easy! Purchase your tests at consumer.healius.com.au and we will email you a Pathology Request form which entitles you to COVID-19 testing for travel.

2. What are the specific COVID-19 tests that are used?

The tests required for travel are usually decided by the transit, country, the destination country, the airline or a combination of all three. The two main tests being used globally to detect the coronavirus that causes COVID-19 are:

- The Real Time RT-PCR (reverse-transcriptase polymerase chain reaction test). This type of testing for the genetic material of viruses and other microbes has come into common use only in recent years. While different testing methods are under development, RT-PCR remains the most accurate technology available to identify COVID-19 virus infections.
- The IgM Antibody test. This test detects IgM antibodies. IgM is usually the first antibody produced by the immune system when infected. IgM may be detected early whilst you are infectious or for some time following recovery from a COVID-19 infection.

3. How much does it cost?

- COVID-19 Real Time RT-PCR Test \$150 inclusive of GST.
- COVID-19 Real Time RT-PCR Test and IgM Antibody Test \$210 inclusive of GST.

4. Is my COVID-19 test for travel covered by Medicare?

Unfortunately, not. COVID-19 testing for travel is considered commercial pathology and not reimbursable by Medicare. Generally speaking, Medicare covers pathology for diagnostic and chronic care management only. In some instances, Medicare covers the cost of COVID-19 testing if you are showing symptoms typical for this virus.

5. Can I claim this on my private health fund or travel insurance?

Some health funds and travel insurance policies do cover COVID-19 testing for travel. When you purchase from Healius you will also receive an invoice suitable for health fund and travel insurance claims.

6. Do I need an appointment?

If you only require COVID-19 Real Time RT-PCR Test you can attend one of our Respiratory Drive through clinics, no appointment required. If you require COVID-19 Real Time RT-PCR Test and IgM Antibody Test you will need to make an appointment to visit one of our Respiratory Collection Centre by calling 9317 0826.

7. Where do I go for my test?

You will need to visit a dedicated COVID-19 Collection Centre or Drive-thru Collection Centre. Our locations and opening hours change from time to time, so please double check locations and opening hours before your visit.

- Western Australia/NT: Western Diagnostic Pathology - www.wdp.com.au

8. What happens if I test positive?

If your test is positive, you will be contacted by our consulting doctor and your State's public health department who then work with you to ensure that you isolate, receive treatment and begin the process of contact tracing.

9. How will my negative test result be sent?

Once complete, we'll send you a PDF of your negative test result by email. The attached PDF will be protected by an 8-digit password. If you haven't received your result, please call 9317 0999 and ask for a Data Entry Supervisor.

10. How far in advance of my departure date and time should I provide a pathology sample?

We suggest that you follow your destination country, airline or cruise line guidelines. Testing too early can result in having to purchase and retest again. It currently takes us about 24 hours (1 day) to receive the pathology samples in our laboratory, process the test and report the results. Since turn-around-times can vary from 12 - 32 hours depending how far the COVID-19 Collection Centre is from the Laboratory, local outbreaks and therefore demand, we cannot guarantee turn-around-times.

11. What if I have more questions?

If you have more questions, please email us at consumer@healius.com.au

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