

FACT SHEET FREIGHT INDUSTRY COVID-19 TESTING

Purpose:	To help protect Australian residents from the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) by people who are required to drive a heavy vehicle to transport goods across state and territory borders.
Mechanism:	National program supported by special new bulk billed Medicare Benefits fee
Testing Dates:	14 August 2020 – 30 September 2020 inclusive.
Eligible Patients:	Asymptomatic people who are employed, hired, retained or contracted, to travel interstate as a driver of a heavy vehicle. Please bring a copy of your heavy vehicle licence or employee I.D as proof of your eligibility to the testing location.
Do patients require a doctor's referral?	NO. But specific WDP pre-printed referral form must be used. These can be found at our drive through collection centres listed below.
Can other pathology tests be conducted?	NO. This item is not to be claimed with other pathology items and is only for COVID-19 PCR (NCP).
Is testing compulsory?	YES – See https://www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/freight-and-logistics-drivers-frequently-asked-questions for up to date information.
Results Turn Around Time:	You should receive your results within 24 hours of receipt of the sample in the laboratory.
Cost:	Free for Medicare Card holders.
What if I have symptoms?	This program is only for asymptomatic patients . If the patient has symptoms, they must visit their GP for a referral.
Proof of Test:	You may be required to provide proof of a test to cross state borders. Please ensure "Patient Copy" is signed and filled in completely and that this copy is retained by the driver as proof that a test has been conducted.

Drive Through Collection Sites – Please remain in your vehicle

Open Monday-Friday 08:00-16:00WST and Saturday 08:00-12:00WST

1. Peel Health Campus, 110 Lakes Road, **Mandurah;**
2. 5 Stafford Street, **Midland;**
3. Neil Hawkins Park, 200 Boas Avenue, **Joondalup;**
4. 5 Playle Street, **Myaree;**
5. Corner of Ranford Road & Armadale Road, **Forrestdale; and**
6. 391 Oxford Street, **Mount Hawthorn (Also open Sunday 08:00-12:00WST)**