



Guide to getting a COVID-19 test at a State-run clinic

State-run and private COVID-19 testing clinics offer PCR testing. When demand for PCR tests exceeds capacity at a State-run clinic, you may be provided with a rapid antigen test to do at home.

Reason for request to test	PCR test	May be provided with a take home RAT when wait times at State-run clinics are likely to exceed 2 hours
Symptomatic – no recent test	✓	✓
Requested by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Health, or advised by Public Health 	✓	
Employee working in a high-risk setting (including aged care & health care workers) who is either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Symptomatic Close contact Asymptomatic with a positive RAT 	✓	
Asymptomatic Household Close contact Day 6	✓	✓
Negative RAT – with symptoms	✓	
Positive RAT	No further testing is required. However you <u>must</u> register your positive RAT .	
Negative RAT – no symptoms, not close contact	No further testing is required.	
Returned travellers	No further testing is required.	
Return to work/school	No further testing is required.	
Release from isolation or quarantine	No further testing is required.	

Private testing clinics continue to offer PCR testing. Private clinics do not offer free RATs.

Note: Pre-international travel and private hospital admission testing continues at private pathology clinics at your cost