

14 December 2020

COVID TESTING over Christmas and New Year

COVID-19 PCR and IgM serology testing will be performed in the laboratory each day with the exception of 25th December and 1st January.

Christmas and New Year Collection Centre hours

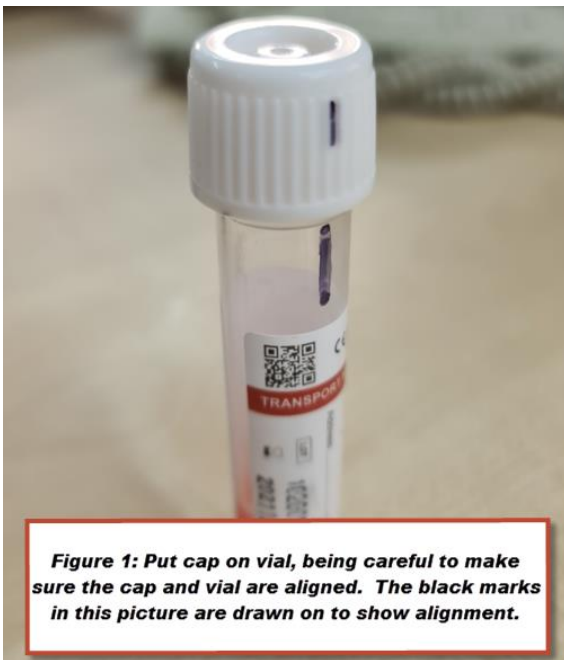
Monday 21st December – Thursday 24th December	Business as usual.		
Friday 25th December	(Christmas Day) No Collection centres open.	Please phone 09 574 7399 for results. COVID-19 PCR and IgM serology testing will <u>not</u> be performed. This testing will be performed on 26th December 2020.	
Saturday 26th December	(Boxing Day). Six collection centres open. 0800 to 1200.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mt Eden ○ Botany ○ Mt Wellington 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Takanini ○ Henderson ○ Mairangi Bay
Sunday 27th December	Mt Wellington Collection Centre is open from 0800 to 1200.		
Monday 28th December	Six collection centres open. 0800 to 1200.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mt Eden ○ Botany ○ Mt Wellington 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Takanini ○ Henderson ○ Mairangi Bay
Tuesday 29th December – Thursday 31st December	13 Collection centres will open please refer to website:	https://fl-healthscope-media.s3.amazonaws.com/lab-sites/uploads/sites/2/2020/12/Christmas-Hours-2020-2021.pdf	
Friday 1st January, 2021	(New Year Day) No Collection centres open.	Please phone 09 574 7399 for results. COVID-19 PCR and IgM serology testing will <u>not</u> be performed. This testing will be performed on 2nd January 2021.	
Saturday 2nd January	Six collection centres open. 0800 to 1200.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mt Eden ○ Botany ○ Mt Wellington 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Takanini ○ Henderson ○ Mairangi Bay
Sunday 3rd January	Mt Wellington Collection Centre is open from 0800 to 1200.		
Monday 4th January	Six collection centres open. 0800 to 1200.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mt Eden ○ Botany ○ Mt Wellington 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Takanini ○ Henderson ○ Mairangi Bay
Tuesday 5th January	Normal service resumes for 54 collection centres. Four remain closed till 11/01/2021	See website as some centres remain closed till 11/01/2021 https://fl-healthscope-media.s3.amazonaws.com/lab-sites/uploads/sites/2/2020/12/Christmas-Hours-2020-2021.pdf	

Citotest COVID Swab: Reducing the risk of specimen leaking during transport:

The number of leaking specimens reaching the laboratory has been slowly increasing causing necessary recollection of sample. The majority are the Citotest samples. An investigation has found that it is not a manufacturer problem. It is that the caps are either not secured fully on the vial or put on without correct alignment with the vial. This prevents the seal being fully in place e.g. you can see or feel there is an angle between the bottom of the cap and the top of the vial. If there is a misalignment it will leak when placed on its side.

The manufacturer has confirmed that:

1. There is a collar on the tube which prevents the cap from being over-tightened.
2. The amount to turn to completely seal the vial is 1 and $\frac{1}{4}$ turns (see photos attached)



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