

Notification of Collection Centre Changes

12 July 2021

There are a number of changes to collection centre locations taking place this month.

NEW LYNN collection centre is moving to a new and larger premises. Last day at the current premises, Saturday 17 July, 8.00am to 12.00pm midday

**NEW ADDRESS from July 19, 2021: 46 Totara Avenue
Totara Health Building (next to the New Lynn library)**

TITIRANGI collection centre will permanently close from 16 July, 2021

We have outgrown the current premises. At the end of the lease period we considered our options and requirements and have identified that the community will be better served by a new, larger collection centre which is opening at 46 Totara Avenue, New Lynn.

Please refer patients to one of the following Labtests collection centres:

New Lynn	46 Totara Avenue (next to New Lynn library)
	Mon-Fri 7.00am – 40.00pm
	Saturday 8.00am – 12.00pm
Blockhouse Bay	3 Heaphy Street, Blockhouse Bay
	Mon-Fri 7.00am – 4.00pm
	Saturday 8.00am – 12.00pm
Glen Eden	5 Glendale Road, Westview Medical Centre
	Mon-Fri 7.00am – 4.00pm
	Saturday Closed

BOTANY Collection Centre will be closed on 23 July, 2021 and will re-open at our new premises (right next door) on **Saturday 24 July, 2021 at 292a Botany Road**

Hours	Mon-Fri 7.00am – 5.45pm
	Saturday 8.00am – 12.00pm

Submitting a urine specimen collected at doctor's surgery



The correct specimen container for urine samples is a test tube.

Order X 12086 from Labtests stores.

Please do not submit urine specimens in an orange top 75ml pottle. These are supplied for histology/cytology specimens only and cannot be processed on our urinary analysers.

Other body fluid/aspirate/sputum samples should be submitted in a 30ml pot specifically for body fluid/aspirate (Order 12364)

Faecal specimens require separate pots for separate tests

Please ensure patients for faecal testing are provided with a collection pot for each faecal test ordered.

E.g. If the request form had the following tests:

- culture
- elastase
- calprotectin

} = 3 x faeces pots
as both elastase and calprotectin require dedicated samples

Failing to provide the correct number of pots may mean that some tests will not be done and a recollection notice will be issued.

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

The number of leaking specimens reaching the laboratory has been slowly increasing again. The majority are the Citotest samples. The most common cause 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 this

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 ¼ turns (see photos attached)

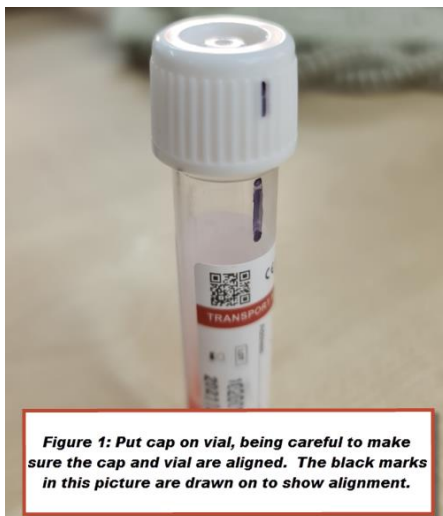


Figure 1: Put cap on vial, being careful to make sure the cap and vial are aligned. The black marks in this picture are drawn on to show alignment.



Figure 2: Turn cap 1 and ¼ turns or until fully tightened before placing in the bio-hazard bag. The black marks drawn on this tube indicate how far past a full turn to tighten the cap.

NOTE: Please DO NOT use any tubes that are expired and/or contain liquid that is pale yellow-orange.