

**Northland Pathology Collection Centre Opening Hours at Level 1**

**Rust Avenue, Whangarei: 7.30am-5.30pm**

**Clark Road, Kamo: 8am-4pm**

**Broadway Health, Kaikohe: 8am-2pm**

**Bay View Medical Center, Paihia: 8am-12.00 noon**

**Homestead Road, Kerikeri: 8am-3pm**

**Kensington Health, Whangarei: 8am-4pm**

**Onerahi Medical, Whangarei: 8am-12 noon**

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**Collection Centre protocol at Level 1**

In order to protect all patients and staff we will continue to implement hand hygiene and offer masks to patients with any respiratory symptoms.

We will continue to monitor the MOH guidelines and will adjust our practice as required.

Any patients who have had potential contact with a proven or potential COVID-19 case and are required to be in isolation should be discussed with a pathologist with a view to deferring testing or having a home visit, it is essential that these patients do NOT attend a collection center.

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**Home Visits**

Criteria for home visit requests remains unchanged.

Please ensure the home visit service is only used for its intended purpose, which is to provide testing for patients who are unable to come into a collection center, see below:

- **Patients must be bedbound, have impaired mobility, mental or physical in nature, and have no support person to provide transport to the collection center**
- **Patients known/suspected to be contagious to any pandemic disease**

For patients who have been asked to self-isolate based on contact with suspected or confirmed cases, we may provide this service if urgently required. Please ensure this is made clear at booking as our staff will be required to wear PPE appropriate for this visit.

Outside these criteria, if an external organization mandates the requirement for our staff to wear PPE in excess of that within our own guidelines for a home visit, then the additional PPE will need to be provided by that entity.

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## **Skin Prick Testing**

We are happy to advise that skin prick testing will be available from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June at our collection room at Clark Road, Kamo. Patients should call 09 438 4714 to book an appointment.