

Summary table of COVID-19 Testing Plan and Guidance changes from 4 March 2024

The following summary table outlines which COVID-19 Testing Plan advice and supporting guidance documents have been removed and where relevant recommended COVID-19 testing advice can be found going forward.

Other guidance documents such as the Healthcare Worker (HCW) guidance, which includes testing advice, will continue to be available.

SUMMARY TABLE OF COVID-19 TESTING PLAN AND GUIDANCE CHANGES
COVID-19 TESTING PLAN
The Testing Plan has been removed from the Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora website as the majority of the content was no longer relevant or out of date. Information on recommended testing advice from 4 March 2024 can be found in the COVID-19 Chapter of the Communicable Disease Manual (CDC Manual)
COVID-19 TESTING GUIDANCE
COVID-19 Hospitals and Secondary-Based Care Guidance
Recommended testing advice is in the COVID-19 Chapter of the CDC Manual. Remainder of the content has been removed as hospitals have their own local processes and protocols.
COVID-19 Primary Care and Other Clinic-Based Settings
Recommended testing advice is in the COVID-19 Chapter of the CDC Manual, with update provided to Health Pathways. Information on priority access to testing can be found here: General consideration for the control of communicable diseases in Aotearoa New Zealand section and information on those at higher risk of severe illness can be found here: Groups at higher risk of severe disease Primary care guide on COVID-19 reinfection, rebound, persistent infection and long COVID-19 Removed as content was outdated.

COVID-19 Aged Residential Care Guidance

Recommended testing advice is in the COVID-19 Chapter of the CDC Manual, with update provided to Health Pathways.

Information on priority access to testing can be found here: [General consideration for the control of communicable diseases in Aotearoa New Zealand](#) section and information on those at higher risk of severe illness can be found here: [Groups at higher risk of severe disease](#)

Advice relating to preventing and managing facility transmission and outbreaks is currently being developed.

COVID-19 Community Providers Guidance

Assisted RATs by Community Providers ceased end of December 2023. Removed as no longer relevant and contained non testing related information.

COVID-19 Testing Guidance for Māori and Pacific People within Healthcare Settings

Recommended testing advice is in the COVID-19 Chapter of the CDC Manual. Information on priority access to testing for all communicable diseases, is in the CDC Manual under the [General consideration for the control of communicable diseases in Aotearoa New Zealand](#) section.

COVID-19 Guidance to Support Access to Testing for Disabled People

Removed as contained non testing related information, which can be found on alternative sites.

COVID-19 Testing Guidance for Businesses

Removed as content no longer relevant.

COVID-19 Testing of International Arrivals Guidance

Removed as content no longer relevant.

COVID-19 Testing Technologies and Modalities

Information transferred to the CDC Manual.

COVID-19 Laboratory and Testing Operational Guidance

Information transferred to CDC Manual.

COVID-19 Guidance for Correction Facilities

This guidance document was removed at the request of the Corrections sector.