



Pre-travel COVID IgM Serology Testing

Effective 2nd February 2021, we are pleased to now be able to offer COVID IgM serology testing for pre-clearance travel to China, as per the Chinese embassy requirements in conjunction with the COVID PCR test.

COLLECTION: Specimen collection for these tests is available at Pathlab Waikato and Bay of Plenty collection centres as well as GP clinics in those areas.

APPOINTMENTS: No appointment is required at Pathlab for collection of COVID IgM serology or PCR tests. Collection is available Monday to Friday during normal working hours, **Saturday collects in the Waikato need to be before 12pm, Bay of Plenty before 10am.**

AIRLINE REQUIREMENTS:

- Some airlines require a GP certificate and the COVID test results, for this refer option 1.
- If the GP certificate is not required, use option 2.
- To obtain the result in time for boarding the patient should **present 48 hours before departure**. Presentation within 24 hours will not allow time for results to be available by departure.

Option 1:

- Patients can have the samples collected at your medical centre and pay the fee directly to you (and obtain a GP certificate at that visit).
- Pathlab will invoice using the standard invoicing (total with GP collect - \$340).
- **It is imperative to IDENTIFY ON THE REQUEST FORM AND THE SPECIMEN BAG to invoice the correct medical centre.**
- **PLEASE indicate on the form 'pre-travel' testing and include the departure time, departure date and 'copy to' patient's email address.**

Option 2:

- If a GP certificate is not required by the airline, patients can have the samples collected by Pathlab and pay us directly (total with Pathlab collect - \$400).

COST: The COVID IgM serology and PCR tests cost \$170 per test, \$200 each if collected by Pathlab, inclusive of GST.

RESULTS: COVID IgM serology and PCR test results (for travel purposes only) will be emailed to the traveller by Pathlab. **It is imperative to have the patient's email address clearly written on the request form.**

COVID TEST REQUESTS WITHOUT PAYMENT: Non-payment or no indication to invoice the medical centre will mean the COVID test results are not released until payment is received.

Please ensure all members of your institution receive a copy of this clinical update.