

FREIGHT INDUSTRY COVID-19 TESTING FACILITY

Purpose:	To help protect Australian residents from the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) by people who are required to drive a heavy vehicle to transport goods across state and territory borders.
Mechanism:	National program supported by special new bulk billed Medicare Benefits fee
Eligible Patients:	Asymptomatic people who are employed, hired, retained or contracted, to travel interstate as a driver of a heavy vehicle. Please bring a copy of your Medicare card and heavy vehicle licence or employee I.D as proof of your eligibility to the testing location.
How to book a test:	Please call us on 0448 582 731, Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm to make a booking. On arrival to the Darwin Testing Facility, please remain in your vehicle and text or call 0448 582 731 to inform the collector of your arrival. You will then be directed to the area where your COVID- 19 sample will be collected.
Results Turn Around Time:	36 to 48 hours after your sample is collected.
Cost:	You must bring your Medicare card and heavy vehicle licence with you to be eligible for testing at no charge . If you do not have a Medicare card, but only a heavy vehicle licence, please inform the collector at the time for alternate arrangements. All testing is performed at no cost to drivers or freight companies involved in interstate freight.
Proof of Test:	You may be required to provide proof of a test to cross state borders. Please ensure "Patient Copy" is signed and filled in completely and that this copy is retained as proof that a test has been conducted.
Do I require a doctor's referral?	NO. But a specific Western Diagnostics Pathology (WDP) pre-printed referral form must be used. These are available at our Darwin Testing Facility shown below.
Can other pathology tests be conducted?	NO. This item is not to be claimed with other pathology items and is only for COVID-19 PCR.
Is testing compulsory?	NO. However you must undertake a COVID-19 test if you show symptoms - fever (sweats), cough or shortness of breath, sore throat, tiredness (fatigue), aches and pains or a runny or stuffy nose, or have been in a declared hotspot in the last 14 days, or have been in a hotspot in the 24 hours prior to it being declared a hotspot. https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/travel/quarantine/hotspots-covid-19
So what if I do have symptoms?	This facility is only for asymptomatic patients . If you have symptoms, you should follow the directions as follows: https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/stay-safe/symptoms-testing

Freight Industry Testing Facility – Truck Central 15 Tandem Street, Wishart Northern Territory

