

## FREIGHT INDUSTRY COVID-19 TESTING FACILITY

<b>Purpose:</b>	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.
<b>Mechanism:</b>	<b>National program supported by special new bulk billed Medicare Benefits fee</b>
<b>Eligible Patients:</b>	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 <b>Medicare card</b> and <b>heavy vehicle licence or employee I.D</b> as proof of your eligibility to the testing location.
<b>How to book a test:</b>	<b>Please call us on 0448 582 731, Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm to make a booking.</b> On arrival to the Darwin Testing Facility, please <b>remain in your vehicle</b> and <b>text or call 0448 582 731</b> to inform the collector of your arrival. You will then be directed to the area where your COVID- 19 sample will be collected.
<b>Results Turn Around Time:</b>	36 to 48 hours after your sample is collected.
<b>Cost:</b>	You must bring your <b>Medicare card and heavy vehicle licence</b> with you to be eligible for testing at <b>no charge</b> . 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.
<b>Proof of Test:</b>	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.
<b>Do I require a doctor's referral?</b>	<b>NO.</b> But a specific Western Diagnostics Pathology (WDP) pre-printed referral form must be used. These are available at our Darwin Testing Facility shown below.
<b>Can other pathology tests be conducted?</b>	<b>NO.</b> This item is not to be claimed with other pathology items and is only for COVID-19 PCR.
<b>Is testing compulsory?</b>	<b>YES.</b> Any freight/transport provider entering the Northern Territory must produce evidence of a COVID-19 test in the past 7 days. CHO Direction 50 refers, at <a href="https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/chief-health-officer-directions">https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/chief-health-officer-directions</a>
<b>What if I have symptoms?</b>	This program is <b>only for asymptomatic patients</b> . If you have symptoms, you should follow the directions as follows: <a href="https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/stay-safe/symptoms-testing">https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/stay-safe/symptoms-testing</a>

### Freight Industry Testing Facility – Truck Central

15 Tandem Street, Wishart Northern Territory

