



Guide to getting a COVID-19 test at a State-run clinic

State-run and private COVID-19 testing clinics offer PCR testing. When demand for PCR tests exceeds capacity at a State-run clinic, you may be provided with a rapid antigen test to do at home.

Reason for request to test	PCR test	May be provided with a take home RAT when wait times at State-run clinics are likely to exceed 2 hours	Can routinely have a take home RAT
Symptomatic – no recent test	✓	✓	
Requested by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Health, or advised by Public Health WA Police 	✓		
Health care worker who is either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Symptomatic Close contact Asymptomatic with a positive RAT 	✓		
Employee working in a high-risk setting (including aged care) who is either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Symptomatic Close contact Asymptomatic with a positive RAT 	✓		
Close contact – Day 1 and Day 6	✓	✓	
Positive RAT <u>who IS NOT</u> a known close contact	✓		
Positive RAT <u>who IS</u> a known close contact	No further testing is required. However you <u>must</u> register <i>your positive RAT.</i>		
Negative RAT – with symptoms	✓		
Negative RAT – no symptoms, not close contact	No further testing is required.		
Returned travellers arriving into WA other than at Perth Airport, within 24hrs of arrival			✓
Return to work/school	No further testing is required.		
Release from isolation or quarantine	No further testing is required.		

Private testing clinics continue to offer PCR testing. Check their websites below. Private clinics do not offer free RATs.

Note: Pre-international travel and private hospital admission testing continues at private pathology clinics at your cost.