



LABORATORY COVID RESPONSE: RESTRICTION IN ASYMPTOMATIC CHLAMYDIA AND GONORRHOEA TESTING

Laboratories are re-directing resource to COVID-19 testing. Other tests that require molecular reagents are being restricted.

From **Friday 20th March all Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea tests will be restricted.**

Testing will be available on the following patient groups:

1. Those with urethritis and/or discharge (discharge not candida or BV)
2. Sexual assault

Clinical details outlining indication for testing will be required. Testing will not proceed without this. Please do not telephone the clinical microbiologists. If you have additional clinical information, you can fax, add to E order, or call the laboratory data entry staff.

Please note: patients who are contacts of known cases should be treated empirically without testing.

Information regarding the management of suspected cases of all sexually transmitted/related infections can be found here - <https://www.nzshs.org/guidelines>

We appreciate your understanding and assistance at this unusual time.

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