

# COVID-19 UPDATE

COVID-19 Information from the SA Health GP Liaison

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## **Test Test Test – Please don't let your patients become complacent!!**

Welcome to the new financial year!!

It's been a very busy week at SA Health with multiple meetings a day on the potential second wave, increased testing sites and how primary care will be integral if cases rise again. So, apologies it's a bit later in the week than planned.

### **Second Wave Survey**

SA Health is very keen to know what capacity there is in general practice in preparation for further cases. It would be most appreciative if you could please complete the [Preparing for a Second Wave](#) survey.



### **SA Pathology Update**

SA Pathology have been busy processing the swabs from International quarantine passengers. As you may have heard we have 3 patients who have tested positive and all are stable and well. SA Pathology are keen to understand how they can improve on their service, so please complete this short survey [here](#).

### **Clinpath Update – Respiratory Consults**

As many of you may be aware Clinpath has a dedicated COVID-19 hotline, for enquiries and bookings, available 7 days per week on 1800 870 778. Clinpath Pathology can now provide patients with access to a respiratory consultation, if you have a patient who requires a COVID-19 test but is unable to make an appointment to get a referral form. The patient just needs to phone the COVID Hotline on 1800 870 778 and one of the Clinpath COVID Coordinators will book the patient in for a respiratory consultation, for their COVID referral, and arrange their test at the same time. Results will be sent via sms as per the usual quick turn around and also to the patient's regular GP.

**Self-collected swabs**

SA Health does not encourage self-collected swabs due to the risk of poor collection technique. Don't forget domiciliary services are available with both Clinpath and SA Pathology.

**Saliva testing**

SA Pathology are not currently testing saliva for routine COVID-19 testing. You may have read in the media about the concern that it is only 85% as sensitive as PCR testing. Please don't request!

**SA Health Website**

The [Health Professionals COVID-19 resources](#)

**Telephone numbers**

SA COVID-19 Information line: 1800 253 787

SA COVID-19 Social and non-clinical support: 1300 705 336

SA COVID-19 Mental health support: 1800 632 753

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