

## COVID-19 Clarification of testing (2nd July 2020)

### **HIS Criteria: Higher Index of Suspicion (HIS) criteria**

Either, in the 14 days prior to illness onset have:

- had contact <sup>3</sup> with a confirmed or probable case
- had international travel
- had direct contact with a person who has travelled overseas (eg Customs and Immigration staff, staff at quarantine/isolation facilities)
- worked on an international aircraft or shipping vessel
- cleaned at an international airport or maritime port in areas/conveniences visited by international arrivals, or
- any other criteria requested by the local Medical Officer of Health

### Who to test:

- All people who meet the 'high index of suspicion (HIS)' criteria. These people should be notified to the Medical Officer of Health.
- Adults who are seen in primary care with symptoms consistent with COVID-19, but no HIS criteria. (Community surveillance testing.)

### Can test:

Adults with mild symptoms consistent with COVID-19 who would not usually be seen in primary care, but who request testing. (Community surveillance testing)

### Do not test:

Children under 14, unless:

- They meet the HIS criteria
- You decide it is clinically indicated
- After discussion with parents, swabbing is still requested and it is safe to do so without causing significant distress to the child.

Asymptomatic people, unless:

- Requested by Community and Public Health (e.g., contact tracing, targeted surveillance)
- Flight crew with a voucher
- Private testing required for travel overseas