

COVID-19 testing for passengers departing Australia to or via the UAE

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Do I need a negative COVID-19 test if I'm transiting in UAE

From August 1, all passengers must secure a certificate from approved testing centres to prove they do not have COVID-19 before they board their flight.

2. How do I get a COVID-19 request form?

You will first need to purchase a COVID-19 test from the Pure Health website:

<https://screening.purehealth.ae/application>

Following your purchase, you will be sent a receipt from Pure Health, please note, this is not your COVID-19 referral form required for testing. The lab will send you a request form via email within 2 - 4 hours of your purchase with collection instructions.

Please bring a printed copy of this request form **along with your passport** to the testing clinic.

3. Where do I go for my test?

You will need to visit a dedicated COVID-19 collection location. Our locations and opening hours may change from time to time. Please double check locations and opening hours before your visit.

- New South Wales/ACT: Lavery Pathology - www.lavery.com.au
- Queensland: QML Pathology - www.qml.com.au
- Western Australia: Western Diagnostic Pathology - www.wdp.com.au
- Victoria: Dorevitch Pathology - www.dorevitch.com.au
- South Australia: Abbott Pathology - www.abbottpathology.com.au

4. Do I need an appointment?

No, you may attend one of drive-through or walk-in dedicated COVID-19 Collection Centres

5. How much does it cost?

The test costs 379 AED which is around \$150AUD +/-

6. Is the test covered by Medicare?

No, pre-departure COVID-19 testing is not covered by Medicare.

7. What is the turnaround time and when should I get tested?

Based on our advice from Pure Health, your result is valid for 96 hours from the result reported date.

Turnaround times can vary depending how far the COVID-19 Collection Centre is from the Laboratory, local outbreaks and therefore demand.

We recommend getting tested 72 hours prior to departure if you are based in NSW / QLD / VIC / WA and 96 hours prior to departure if you are based in TAS / SA.

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8. I obtained a request form from my GP and got tested, do I need to get tested again?

If you obtained a COVID-19 test Request Form from your GP, you will need to return to your GP for your hard copy results. In order for us to upload your results into the Pure Health portal (so that you are cleared for travel), you need to purchase a COVID-19 test from the Pure Health registration site. This creates a record for you which allows us to upload your results into the Pure Health portal.

9. How do I get my results?

We will upload your results to the Pure Health portal. Based on your result, you will then receive confirmation of your travel eligibility to the UAE. If you have tested negative, you will be sent a travel permit from Pure Health.

10. Are your labs / collection locations open on the weekend?

Our labs are open 7 days a week and we have a few COVID-19 collection sites open on the weekend. Please check our websites listed above for the latest information on opening hours and sites.

11. I have more questions

If you have more questions, please email us at covid19@sdspathology.com.au