



SOUTH PERTH  
HOSPITAL

# Pre-Admission COVID-19 Testing Requirements

Thank you for choosing to have your procedure at South Perth Hospital. As you are aware, there are increasing cases of COVID-19 in our community. To ensure we keep our staff and patients safe, South Perth Hospital has implemented screening and testing arrangements based on guidance from the WA Department of Health.

To ensure that patients and essential visitors are free of COVID-19, **all patients over the age of five (5) and parents accompanying a child (aged 17 years and under) will be required to undertake a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) at home no more than three (3) hours prior to admission.** Parents or guardians should perform the RAT on children under the age of 12.

A RAT can be purchased from your local pharmacy or supermarket and provides results within 15 to 20 minutes. Please refer to the instructions on how to perform the RAT and when to read the results provided within the kit. To avoid delays with your admission, it is recommended that you purchase a spare RAT in the event the first result is invalid.

**Please take a photograph of your negative RAT at the recommended test read time. Please also bring your negative RAT with you to hospital in a clear ziplock bag. Your RAT result will be verified by a staff member prior to your admission.**

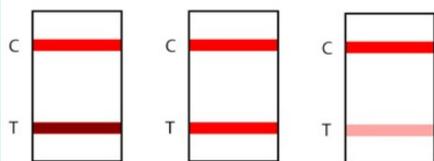
Should you have any further queries, please phone the hospital on (08) 9367 0222.

## Guidance on Test Results:

*Important information:* Read the results at the recommended time frame as per manufacturer instructions and take a photograph of your result. Interpreting the results after the recommended time frame may not be accurate.

### POSITIVE

If two coloured bands appear within 15-20 minutes the result is **positive**. No matter how faint the coloured band is in the 'T' zone the result should be considered **positive**.



What to do:

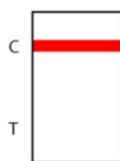
**DO NOT ATTEND THE HOSPITAL.**

Isolate and phone the hospital on (08) 9367 0222 to cancel your procedure.

You must register your positive RAT result via the Healthy WA website.

### NEGATIVE

If one coloured band appears in the 'C' zone and NO coloured band appears in the 'T' zone within 15-20 minutes the test result is **negative**.



What to do:

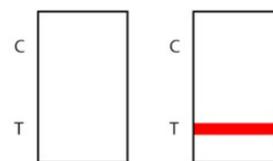
You may attend the hospital for your procedure.

Take a photograph of your negative RAT at the recommended read time.

Place the RAT in a clear ziplock bag to bring with you to the hospital.

### INVALID

If there is no coloured band in the 'C' zone within 15-20 minutes the test is **invalid**. The test has not worked. You may have collected your saliva or nasal swab incorrectly or there may be a manufacturing defect.



What to do:

**You need to repeat the test** with a new RAT kit.

You **must** return a negative result to proceed with your admission.