



## **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 20<sup>th</sup> 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. Hx of receptive anal sex and proctitis
3. Intermittent per vaginal bleeding / spotting
4. 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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