

COVID-19

COVID-19 ASSESSMENT/NOTIFICATION

There are three funded assessments in General Practice for people who are displaying COVID-like symptoms. This form sets out the eligibility criteria and claiming processes.

Eligibility:

Virtual Assessment

- Patient is triaged or treated over either telephone or video as a possible COVID-19 case
- Assessment may include a referral made to a testing pathway
- Further treatment is not required

Simple Assessment No Test

- Patient has mild symptoms
- Visual check and basic observations
- Patient sent home and provided with recommendations (e.g. self-isolating)
- Further treatment is not required

Simple Assessment+ Test

- Undertake a combined clinical assessment and provide a test (RAT or PCR)
- The RAT can either be supervised at the practice or unsupervised if the patient is able to self-administer the RAT themselves at home
- This includes the provision of RATs for symptomatic patients and household contacts
- They should be provided with one box (5 pack) of RATs for each member of the household

Most Common Surveillance Codes

- SURV-SELF Self Isolation ALL arrivals to NZ within 7 days with positive RATS
- SURV-HCW Other healthcare workers
- SURV-ARCW Aged Residential Care staff
- SURV-INPT Pre-admission and hospital inpatient
- SURV-VUL Vulnerable population

Claiming

Claiming is via the WellSouth PHN portal



New Assessment

 Ensure you have selected assessment and swab type before submitting



COVID Swab Type	
RAT	~
Please specify PCR	
RAT	

- No charge to the patient, including the follow-up check
- Service codes for your PMS—please set these up prior to using the programme

Programme payment rates incl GST are:

Code	Amount	Description
COVIDV	\$69.00	COVID Virtual or Simple
		Assessment No Test
COVSAR	\$138.00	COVID In-person Assessment & Test

Virtual or Simple Assessment No Test: **\$69.00** (Incl. GST)

Simple Assessment+ Test (RAT supervised or unsupervised or PCR): **\$138.00(Incl. GST)**

* if patient does not require appointment refer them to https://requestrats.covid19.health.nz/