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Seven new pop-up COVID-19 Testing Centres open in Auckland

Seven pop-up Community Testing Centres (CTCs) opened in metropolitan Auckland this afternoon as health officials continue to boost testing capacity following four confirmed community cases of COVID-19.

The new pop-ups are located across the city, including Waiheke Island. With their addition, the public can now access testing from four permanent CTCs and nine temporary pop-ups.

NEW COMMUNITY TESTING CENTRE POP-UPS (operational from the afternoon of 12 August)

Location	Centre Name	Operating Hours	Referral Process
NORTH	COAST TO COAST WELLSFORD MEDICAL CENTRE 220 Rodney Street, Wellsford	Open Mon to Sun, 8.30am – 5pm	Patients to call and book an appointment NO WALK-INS ACCEPTED Phone 09 423 8086
NORTH	COAST TO COAST WARKWORTH 77 Morrison Drive, Warkworth	Open Mon to Sun, 8.30am – 5pm	Patients to call and book an appointment NO WALK-INS ACCEPTED Phone 09 425 8585
NORTH	EVENTFINDA STADIUM/NORTH SHORE EVENTS CENTRE 17 Silverfield Lane, Wairau Valley	Open Mon to Sun, 8am – 4pm (Operational until 6pm 12/8 only)	Walk-in/Drive Thru
CENTRAL	WHITE CROSS ST LUKES ACCIDENT & URGENT MEDICAL 52 Saint Lukes Road, St Lukes	Open Mon to Sun, 8am – 4pm (Operational until 6pm 12/8 only)	
EAST	BOTANY ROAD COMMUNITY TESTING CENTRE 292 Botany Road, Golflands	Open Mon to Sun, 8am – 5pm	
SOUTH	TAKANINI URGENT CARE 106 Great South Road, Takanini	Open Mon to Sun, 8am – 6pm	
WAIHEKE	WAIHEKE MEDICAL CENTRE 132 Ocean View Road, Waiheke Island	Open Mon to Sun, 8.30am – 4pm	

Work is underway across the health sector to stand-up additional pop-ups on Thursday morning (13 August 2020) and to increase the number of mobile testing units. Further details will be released as they become available.

Health authorities in Auckland continue to ask residents to be vigilant and follow public health advice following a positive case of COVID-19 in the city, which has seen a short term return to Alert Level 3. Health authorities are also advising Aucklanders not to panic.

Northern Region Health Coordination Centre Lead (and Counties Manukau Health CEO) Margie Apa said Auckland communities were seeking testing in high numbers and it was essential to provide as much access as possible.

“The health sector in Auckland has prepared to be able to surge our testing capacity to respond to community transmission. As well as increasing pop-ups and mobile testing units, our labs have surged their capacity three-fold and can now analyse 7,000-8,000 swabs each day.

As at 1pm on Tuesday 12 August, more than 1,600 people had been swabbed at the four CTCs and two pop-ups in Otara and New Lynn. People can also be tested for free at general practices and urgent care clinics and these providers have also seen increased demand.

“On behalf of the Waitematā, Auckland, and Counties Manukau DHBs I want to thank the teams working around the clock to implement our surge plans.

“I also want to thank the people of Auckland who are playing their part in containing the spread of COVID-19 in our communities.

“I know the waits at some of our testing centres have been very long today and I also want to thank those queuing for their patience. Our teams will get to you as soon as they can, and the whole health sector is working hard to increase testing capacity.

“If you have symptoms and are heading to a CTC, do plan for long waiting times – but please still go. It is critically important we test as many people with symptoms as possible.”

The best defense against COVID-19 is to follow the same actions we took earlier in the pandemic. Maintain good hand hygiene. If you are sick, stay home. Keep track of your movements to help us with contact tracing. Maintain physical distancing.

If you have any symptoms, please get a free test at your local doctor, Urgent Care Clinic, or at one of our Community Testing Centres. If you are unsure, call your local doctor or Healthline. We advise that you ring ahead if you are planning to see your practice.

If you have any concerns please seek advice from Healthline or any GP on getting a free test.

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