

Dear Patient

## Important Patient Information regarding COVID-19 and your planned admission

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Thank you for choosing Calvary Hobart for your upcoming admission. Calvary Hobart is focused on minimising COVID-19 risks for patients, visitors, staff and specialists. As a part of our response **all patients with a planned overnight stay will need a laboratory based (PCR) COVID-19 test no more than 72 hours prior to admission and no later than 48 hours prior**. This will commence when there are cases of COVID-19 that occur outside of quarantine, i.e. community transmission. Patients who have an unplanned overnight stay will also undergo a PCR test on arrival to the hospital.

*Maternity Patients will be managed separately. Please see the Maternity Patients Flyer.*

### PCR Testing

Your doctor will advise you of the date of your planned admission and date you should be tested. Your doctor will also provide you the Hobart Pathology PCR request form. Once you have had your swab collection you should commence social isolation until the time of your admission. Failure to do so may increase your risk of being exposed in the community.

The accompanying parent/guardian of a paediatric patient must also have a negative PCR COVID-19 result prior to the patient's admission.

### Testing Sites

Hobart Pathology have a dedicated drive through testing facility at the Hobart Showgrounds.

Current opening times:

Monday – Friday	8am – 3pm
Saturday, Sunday, Public Holidays	8am – 12pm

Please note this drive through facility is only for COVID-19 PCR testing and you are required to take your Medicare card. If you don't have a Medicare card please discuss this with your Doctor.

A completed pathology request form obtained from your Doctor needs to be provided to the testing site – the testing will then be bulk billed. No appointment is required.

We will call you prior to admission and ask a set of screening questions. At this time you will be asked to confirm you have completed the PCR testing outlined above and have remained in isolation. You will also be required upon arrival to show staff your negative result.

Unfortunately, failure to display a negative result or adhere to isolation requirements upon admission may result in surgery being rescheduled.

We would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you require assistance with this process please contact your Doctor.

Yours sincerely

**Calvary Hobart Executive**