



## IMPORTANT: SA COVID 19 UPDATE

**Date:** 01 December, 2021  
**To:** All staff and VMOs – Calvary SA  
**From:** Sharon Kendall, Regional Chief Executive Officer SA & NT

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As we continue to adapt our response to the changing COVID-19 recommendations within our state, further to our communique on 25 November 2021, we wish to take this opportunity to provide an update in relation to vaccination status for elective admissions.

Subsequent to the release of the latest SA Health update related to COVID-19 PCR testing requirements ([COVID-19 update 392, 30 November 2021](#)) our sites will implement the following:

### Elective surgery admissions

Effective Monday 6 December 2021, **all elective patients** (regardless of their vaccination status and reason for admission) will be required to have evidence of a negative PCR test within the following timeframes prior to admission:

Paediatric patients (under the age of 16 years)

- PCR test within 48 hours of admission
- Must isolate following test until admission
- PCR testing is also required for the accompanying parent / carer

Adult patients (16 years and over)

- PCR test within 72 hours of admission
- Encouraged to reduce community movement following test until admission

Maternity patients and partner / support person (implemented from 1 December 2021)

- Weekly PCR testing from 36 weeks gestation

Please ensure all patients have been advised of this requirement for PCR testing, as outlined above.

COVID-19 screening questions will be asked at both pre-admission and admission. Where a patient is identified as having risk factors, the admitting VMO and / or Anaesthetist will assess the patient, in conjunction with the hospital delegate, to determine whether the admission can proceed.

Please direct any questions to the Director of Clinical Services at the relevant site:

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Thank you for your continued cooperation and understanding.

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