

COVID-19 testing requirements

For transport, freight and logistics workers



Tasmania has adopted a nationally consistent approach to COVID-19 testing for transport, freight and logistics workers travelling between other states and territories and Tasmania.

This approach follows the agreement at National Cabinet of the *Freight Movement Code for the Domestic Border Controls* in August 2021.

From Friday 24 September, each time a transport, freight and logistics worker arrives in Tasmania from anywhere in Australia, they must provide evidence of having had a negative COVID-19 test in the seven (7) days prior to their arrival. The worker must not have had a positive test for the disease within that same period.

Evidence of this negative test must be provided through the Tasmanian G2G PASS before entering Tasmania, or presented to Biosecurity Tasmania on arrival in Tasmania.

After arrival in Tasmania, transport, freight and logistics workers must then have a test every seven (7) days until:

- they have had at least two COVID-19 tests, and
- 14 days have passed since the person arrived in Tasmania.

If a transport, freight and logistics worker arrives in Tasmania without evidence of a negative COVID-19 test in the seven (7) days prior to travel, then they must:

- have a COVID-19 test within 24 hours of arrival in Tasmania, and
- then continue to have a COVID-19 test every seven (7) days until:
 - they have had at least two COVID-19 tests, and
 - 14 days have passed since the person arrived in Tasmania.

The testing requirements do not apply to a person who does not leave their port of arrival.

To organise a COVID-19 test, register online at coronavirus.tas.gov.au/testing or call the Public Health Hotline on **1800 671 738**. There are testing clinics located near the arrival points in Tasmania.

Travellers disembarking the *Spirit of Tasmania* can attend the East Devonport testing clinic (no booking required) at 67 Caroline Street (access via John Street). The clinic is open daily 7:30 am to 2:30 pm.

Who do the new testing rules apply to?

The new testing rules apply to any person entering Tasmania who is responsible for the provision of transport or freight and logistics into and out of Tasmania.

The testing rules apply to people entering Tasmania from anywhere in Australia, including low-risk areas.

If I need to get tested on arrival, do I have to isolate until I get a negative test?

No. If you need to get tested within 24 hours of arrival you are not required to isolate unless you begin to experience symptoms of the disease.

If you have travelled from a medium or high-risk area, you must comply with the conditions of your arrival as an Essential Traveller – including limiting your movement and wearing a face mask.

Everyone should continue to follow COVID-safe behaviours and practice physical distancing, regular hand hygiene and use the Check in TAS app.

What happens if I don't follow the new rules?

It is an offence to not comply with the new testing requirements.

If you do not comply with the requirements, you may be required to quarantine for 14 days or until you have a negative COVID-19 test.