

# COVID-19

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## Pathology Stores Ordering Process – Dry Flocked Nasopharyngeal Swabs

### Background

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic there has been an increased demand for dry flocked nasopharyngeal swabs to facilitate COVID-19 testing. In order to manage the stock and supply of this item, we are moving from the usual ordering via Dorevitch Stores to requesting stock via the Western Health Supply and Logistics departments

### Goal

The goal is ensure that all areas of the hospital have necessary and adequate supplies of dry flocked swabs to enable timely COVID-19 testing of our patients and our staff as the need arises. As we are in an uncertain environment managing stock centrally at Western Health should provide clinicians and managers with assurance that stock will be readily available to all clinical areas as required.

### Ward Process:

- NUM/ANUM/NIC will be delivered a standard supply of 20 dry flocked nasopharyngeal swabs by the COVID-19 PPE team
- High risk areas with higher use of swabs – ED's, ICUs and Respiratory Wards will be provided with the required number of swabs
- Stock should be kept in a secure area with PPE.
- If supplies are running low during business hours (0700-1800) contact a member of the COVID-19 PPE Team on the numbers below and they will provide you with what is required.
  - Footscray Hospital, Williamstown Hospital and Hazeldean – 0481 006 197
  - Sunshine Hospital & Sunbury – 0466 813 640

### Staff access to PPE outside business hours (1800-0730):

- After hours we have a reserve held centrally that can be accessed by calling:
  - Footscray Hospital – 56509
  - Sunshine Hospital – 51460
  - Williamstown & Hazeldean – 0409 864 289