



COMMUNITY INSTRUCTION	COVID-19 Oral Fluid Test Process
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SCOPE	Community Corrections

PURPOSE

To provide instructions to Community Operations staff on the additional precautionary measures to be implemented to conduct and process an oral fluid test during the COVID-19 pandemic. Under the *ACTCS Pandemic Arrangements*, oral fluid testing must only be undertaken in the interview rooms on Level 1, 2 Constitution Ave.

This Community Instruction has been developed in consultation with the ACT Health Directorate and must be used in conjunction with the *Oral Fluid Test Process Community Instruction 2020*.

PROCEDURES

1. Prior to Directing an Offender to Undertake an Oral Fluid Test

- 1.1. Prior to directing an offender to undertake an oral fluid test for the purpose of drug screening, the Community Corrections Officer (CCO) must ask the offender the following screening questions:
 - Are you currently experiencing any cold or flu like symptoms
 - Have you in the last five (5) days travelled overseas
 - Have you in the last five (5) days travelled to an identified hot spot (refer to the latest COVID19 Update from the Commissioner)
 - Have you in the last five (5) days been in close contact with a known COVID19 case.
- 1.2. Where an offender answers 'yes' to any of the questions in section 1.1, the CCO must direct the offender off the premises with a suggestion to undertake a COVID-19 test. The CCO must advise the offender they are not permitted to return to the premises for a period of 14 days, following isolation or unless they provide a medical certificate of clearance.

2. Precautionary Measures to be implemented whilst undertaking an Oral Fluid Test

- 2.1. A safe distance of at least 1.5 metres should be maintained whilst the testing process is being undertaken.
- 2.2. CCOs must ensure they do not touch any other object or part of their body during the oral fluid testing process, particularly their face.
- 2.3. As soon as the oral swab process is complete, the CCO must immediately remove their gloves and sanitise their hands using an alcohol-based hand sanitiser, ensuring their hands are completely covered and sanitised for at least 20 seconds.

RELATED DOCUMENTS AND FORMS

- Oral Fluid Test Process Community Instruction



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