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Pre-departure tests for visitors to Victoria’s snow and alpine resorts

On 27 July 2021, the Victorian Premier announced an easing of restrictions across Victoria as of 11.59pm 27 July 2021. This includes pre-departure testing requirements for those visiting snow and alpine resorts.

To support the safe operations of Victoria’s Alpine industry and snow season, pre-departure testing is required for all individuals **aged 12 years and over**, visiting any Victorian alpine resorts (unless they have an exemption). This means, before entering an alpine resort, they will require a COVID-19 test and receipt of a negative result within **72 hours** for visitors and **within 7 days** for people who work in an alpine resort.

Testing requirement for visitors who do not work in an alpine resort:

- In accordance Directions of the Chief Health Officer, all individuals aged 12 years and over, visiting any Victorian alpine resorts must have evidence of a negative COVID-19 PCR test result within 72 hours before entering an alpine resort.
- This requirement is for both Metropolitan and Regional residents.

Testing requirement for people who work in an alpine resort but live elsewhere:

- In accordance Directions of the Chief Health Officer, all individuals aged 12 years and over, who work in any Victorian alpine resorts must have evidence of a negative COVID-19 PCR test result within 7 days before entering an alpine resort.
- This requirement is for both Metropolitan and Regional residents.

Exemptions

- Anyone who lives within an alpine resort will be exempt from the testing requirement.
- Children who need to enter an alpine resort to go to school(education not ski school), and those transporting them, are also exempt from the testing requirement.
- Essential service workers, undertaking emergency services or services to ensure the provision of telecommunications, critical infrastructure, critical supplies, essential prevention and recovery from emergencies or essential public services, including services provided by emergency workers, child protection workers and time-critical essential services provided by healthcare workers and care facility workers

Isolation advice:

No isolation required unless symptomatic, close contact, outbreak exposure or unless otherwise advised by DH.

Further information

- **How will results be communicated?** COVID results will be provided to clients via text message. No additional clearance letters are required. Test results may take up to 48 hours to be processed.
- **Where should testing occur?** Pre-departure testing can be accessed at most COVID-19 testing sites in Victoria. Commonwealth GP respiratory clinics do not accept testing for people who do not have symptoms unless a Tier 1 or 2 exposure. We recommend you visit your local pathology clinic, public hospital or drive through testing facilities. For the latest testing locations and operating hours visit [Where to get tested](#) page. Please note, testing should be done pre-departure where you reside and not on arrival in the Alpine area. Testing is free and is available to anyone, regardless of their citizen or residency status.

Alpine Health COVID-19 Testing Clinics

- Additional pop-up drive through testing clinics will be established in Bright and Mt Beauty in the coming days. You will not need to book an appointment to access.
- Alpine Health testing facilities have expanded their capacity to meet demand. You must book an appointment to access.
 - Bright - 0429 399 328
 - Mt Beauty – 03 5754 3500
 - Myrtleford – 03 5751 9300
 - Mt Hotham – 0457 429 175
 - Falls Creek – 0457 422 756
- For information on how to book an appointment please visit <https://www.alpinehealth.org.au/covid-19/testing-clinics>

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