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## Increased testing capacity available for sexually transmitted infections

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As of 16/4/20, Labtests is able to offer business as usual testing for sexually transmitted infections including chlamydia and gonorrhoea. This will be reviewed on an ongoing basis. This advice replaces the previous limitations necessitated by NZ laboratories COVID-19 response measures (see [NZMN Covid19 notification](#)).

Please note that due to shared COVID-19 testing staffing and molecular platforms, HSV/VZV PCR testing remains restricted in the community setting.

In order to allow appropriate allocation of resources and maintain quality of reporting, provision of appropriate clinical details remains a requirement for processing of other microbiology and molecular samples. We will provide further updates as we are able to expand our criteria for testing in these areas.

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