

Rapid Antigen Testing



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Indian Ocean Territories

A Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) is a quick way to detect COVID-19. RATs are required to be undertaken by all travellers before travel and 72hrs (day three) post-arrival to the Indian Ocean Territories.

When to complete a Rapid Antigen Test

Time specific to send your RAT results:

Tuesday VARA flight:

- 1 24hrs prior departure**
Submit RAT by **8:00 am** WST that day
(Tuesday morning)
- 2 After arrival to the IOT**
Friday (Day 3): submit RAT **before 11:00 am**
Christmas Island Time

If your flight is rescheduled, another RAT will need to be submitted online in the 24 hour period prior to travel.
Online form: <https://bit.ly/Submit-RAT>

Completing your Rapid Antigen Test

The RAT is a quick test to check for COVID-19 and provides a result within 15 to 30 minutes. Please follow the manufacturer's instructions to help you take your test and interpret the results correctly. All kits have a QR code which links to a video that demonstrates how to take a test.

Age group

- All travellers ages 5+: required to complete a test
- Children aged 2-5yrs: recommended
- Infants under 2yrs: not required

In line with national health advice, RATs are safe to use with children older than two years. Parents or guardians should perform tests on children under 12 years. Children aged 12 to 17 years can perform the test with parent or guardian supervision.

If your result is **NEGATIVE** (one line):

Negative results should be submitted online:
<https://bit.ly/Submit-RAT>



If your result is **POSITIVE** (two lines):

- **Immediately self-isolate, you must not travel**
- **Pre departure** – you must register your result [online](#) with WA Health or call 13 COVID (13 26843)
- **After arrival (Day 3)** – contact the Health Service via phone. **DO NOT ATTEND THE CLINIC.**

If you develop any symptoms of COVID-19 while in the Indian Ocean Territories, you must self-quarantine and contact the Health Service via phone to arrange testing. **DO NOT ATTEND THE CLINIC.**

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