

# mainliner

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## Easter Opening Hours

GOOD FRIDAY	EASTER SATURDAY	EASTER MONDAY
<b>30th March*</b> Closed	<b>31st March</b> Open (New Plymouth only) 9-11am	<b>2nd April</b> Closed

\*If your rest home is normally visited on Fridays, we will visit on Thursday 29th March

## Anzac Day Opening Hours

TUESDAY	ANZAC DAY – WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<b>24th April</b> Open	<b>25th April*</b> Closed 	<b>26th April</b> Open

\*If your rest home is normally visited on Wednesdays, we will visit on Tuesday 24th April

### Patient paid testing

Reminder to surgeries that patients must pay for any testing in relation to work, travel or study.

### Occult bloods

If you require 3 samples please advise your patients to collect on separate days. Forward to the laboratory after each collection.

### Skin immunofluorescents

As there has been a surge in demand for skin immunofluorescence, we have added the requirements for collection under 'skin immunofluorescence' in the test guide on our website. We stress that the specimen needs to be received by Medlab before 3pm and that we need advanced warning to ensure the required processing of the specimen.

### Urine culture/Urine chlamydia

We require two separate samples – one for each of these tests:

#### Urine culture

Mid-stream urine required.

#### Urine chlamydia

Patients should not have urinated for 1 hour prior to collection. Patient should collect the first 15 - 20 mL of voided urine, (the first part, NOT the mid-stream).

### ROTATION OF STOCK

A reminder to surgeries to please rotate your stocks of blood tubes and swabs. We receive back lots of expired stock which goes to waste. We will no longer send out large amounts to surgeries.

### NEW OR DEPARTING STAFF

Could surgeries please advise the laboratory when new staff start work or leave your surgery. This helps us send results to the correct clinician and keep our systems up to date.

You can email this information to:

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*Have a happy and safe Easter. Enjoy your eggs! From all the staff at Taranaki Medlab!*

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