The MoH has made a change to the guidance for community testing that has been extended **until 01 Nov 2020**. This impacts pregnant or recently pregnant women living in the Auckland region that covers the 3 DHB geographical areas; Waitemata, Auckland and Counties Manukau.

Pregnant and recently pregnant women **do not need to be routinely tested**. **As with other individuals who fall into the higher-risk groups, if a pregnant or recently pregnant woman presents to a General Practice or Urgent Care in the Auckland region requiring clinical care, the clinician will have a conversation with the patient and talk through the testing guidance, and may be offered a test. If they present to a community-based assessment centre in Auckland, they should not be turned away.**

Testing places around New Zealand can be found on the website; <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-health-advice-public/assessment-and-testing-covid-19#auckland>

It is critical that all individuals who present with symptoms consistent with COVID-19, as well as those that meet HIS criteria and have atypical symptoms, irrespective of region are tested. Some symptomatic people will need to self-isolate as per guidance on the website. However, even if they don’t have to self-isolate, people with symptoms should remain at home as much as possible until they are well.

The table below will provide guidance around the testing of **asymptomatic people.**

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| **Who** | **Action** |
| Does not have symptoms of COVID-19. Does not meet HIS criteria but are:    **  Health workers,** including Aged Residential Care workers      Hospitality workers, including hotel, restaurant staff      Public-facing tourism workers      Public-facing transport workers (e.g. bus, taxi, Uber)      Close contact of border worker groups | **Offer testing if they present to your service.**  **No need to self-isolate while awaiting test result.** |
| **In the Auckland region:**  Does not have symptoms of COVID-19. Does not meet HIS criteria but is at greater risk of poor health outcomes if they were to contract COVID-19:      Mâori      Pasifika      Seniors     ** Pregnant and recently pregnant women#** #’Recently pregnant’ is defined as within 6 weeks of birth, miscarriage, or termination.  Pre-existing conditions (for example: chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes.) | **Offer testing if they present to your service**.  **No need to self-isolate while awaiting test result**. |