

## COVID-19 Information for Multicultural LGBTIQ+ Communities

### What can I do?

#### Wash your hands regularly

Use soap and water for at least **20 seconds**, or a hand sanitiser that contains at least 60% alcohol



#### Check in

Always check in when visiting shops, restaurants or services, using either pen and paper or the **Service Victoria smartphone app**



#### Social distancing

Keep **at least 1.5 metres** between you and others



#### Follow any current restrictions in your area



#### Wear a fitted face mask

Masks should cover your nose, mouth and chin

- > Throw single-use masks in the rubbish after every use
- > Wash reusable cloth face masks after every use



#### Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze

- > Use a tissue or cough/sneeze into your elbow
- > Wash your hands after every cough/sneeze



#### Get tested for COVID-19 if you have any symptoms



#### Get vaccinated against COVID-19

The Victorian Government website also has **information on COVID-19 in many languages and for a range of communities**, including LGBTIQ+ communities.



# What do I need to know about testing?

## How do I get tested?

- > Testing is free for everyone at any public COVID-19 testing site
- > If you have a disability, there is an option to get tested at home: **Call-to-Test**
- > Some testing locations have **Rainbow Tick accreditation** to work with LGBTIQ+ people
- > Your usual doctor might offer COVID-19 testing



## What about ID?

- > Bring one form of **photo ID** with you
- > You **do not need Medicare** to get tested
- > Testers **will not ask about your visa status**



## What can I expect?

- > The test takes about **1 minute**
- > The test can be a little uncomfortable but **it's quick and painless**



## What happens after testing?

- > If you have a **bad experience** at a government-funded health service, you can **make a complaint** to the Victorian Department of Health



- > If you have to self-isolate, you may be **eligible for support payments** from the **Victorian Government** or the **Australian Government**

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The information in this factsheet is current at 29 October 2021.

Information comes from the Victorian Department of Health and the Australian Department of Health. You can get more information about COVID-19 safety and vaccines in other languages from the [Victorian Government website](#) and the [Australian Government website](#).



We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land where we work and pay respects to elders past, present and future.