



# Keep COVID-19 safe at Fiona Stanley Hospital emergency department

Introducing RAT screening within our emergency departments (ED) allows us to identify easily those patients who need COVID-19 precautions before they enter the ED. It means greater protection for patients, staff, and the community.

Your RAT result helps decide where in the ED you will receive your treatment – **it does not change the treatment you receive.**

Please be assured you will be triaged as usual by ED staff to assess your condition. If you need immediate care, the appropriate care will be given.

Visit [fsh.health.wa.gov.au/emergencies](https://fsh.health.wa.gov.au/emergencies) or **scan the QR code** for detailed information on what this means.



## Essential information you need to know before you arrive:

- You will be asked a series of screening questions – please answer truthfully and fully.
- ED staff will direct you to the RAT screening area which has been designed to maximise protection of patients and staff.
- An ED staff member will help you complete the RAT. The result will be back within 15 minutes.
- Once your RAT result is obtained you will be taken into the ED for treatment.
- If you return a positive RAT, you will then have a [PCR test \(Healthy WA\)](#) to determine a definitive diagnosis of COVID-19. It can take up to 72 hours (3 days) to get these results.

**If your RAT result is positive for COVID-19**, you cannot have any visitors while you are in the ED to protect them against COVID-19 infection. ED staff will implement a special care plan to continue to treat you safely.