

COVID Funding Changes

Covid funding has been changed and will take effect this Monday 13/02/2023.

Funded COVID healthcare will continue to be available for people at higher risk of becoming very sick:

1. People with high-risk medical conditions
2. Māori and Pacific people
3. People with disabilities
4. People aged 65 and over
5. If you meet the criteria for access to antiviral medicines.

<https://covid19.govt.nz/testing-and-isolation/if-you-have-covid-19/medicines-to-treat-covid-19/#who-can-get-antivirals>

If you require treatment for anything Covid related and you are not eligible, you will be charged a routine consultation fee and for any other services/consumables used.

Te Whatu Ora advises "The Care in the Community model and funding was designed for Delta. Now that we have Omicron, very high vaccination and natural immunity levels, RATs for self-testing and wide availability of PPE, Care of COVID patients is not as onerous, risky or time consuming. The changes reflect the evolution of how COVID-19 is being managed, from a pandemic to a targeted intervention response for those at higher risk of poorer health outcomes."

