

# AO Summer Information Sheet

## Testing

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## TESTING INFORMATION

### PRE-DEPARTURE TESTING

You, and all those travelling to Australia, will be required to take a COVID-19 test (currently a PCR test) up to 72 hours before your first flight towards Australia. We strongly encourage you to take extra precautions to minimise any risk of infection during the post test period and prior to boarding, including taking a rapid antigen test on the morning of your first flight.

On our charter flights, advanced hygiene protocols will be in place at the airports and on the flights, including the wearing of masks in transit and on the flight.

### ARRIVAL TESTING

You will be required to undergo a PCR test within 24 hours of arrival and you will need to isolate until receipt of a negative test result.

We have organised for special testing clinics through our medical services team and we anticipate quick turnaround times for the testing. If you test negative, you will receive a text message (international numbers are accepted). If you test positive, our Chief Medical Officer will contact you directly.

There is no requirement to use these testing clinics however, and if you prefer to use a public testing centre you will find them information later in the is document.

#### Melbourne

If you are travelling via one of our Charter Flights, you will be tested upon arrival at Melbourne Airport.

If you are travelling via commercial flight, you will be able to access testing at Crown Promenade. From 24-27 December (excluding Christmas Day), testing times will be 10am-6pm. From 28 December-2 January, testing times will be 6am-midnight.

#### Sydney

Anyone travelling via Charter or commercial flight will be able to access testing at the Sheraton Hotel. From 24-27 December (excluding Christmas Day), testing times will be 10am-6pm. From 28-31 December, testing times will be 6am-midnight.

#### Adelaide

You will be able to access testing at the Intercontinental Hotel.

If you are transiting to Adelaide, you will only be required to undergo an arrival test in Melbourne if you are staying in the city for 24 hours or more. Otherwise, you will be tested on arrival into Adelaide.

### DAY 5-7 TESTING

Current Local Government rules in Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide require a further PCR test be completed between days 5-7 post arrival.

We will have clinics open from 10am to 8pm at the Hotel and Venue in each city for you to have this test, including in Hume, Bendigo and Traralgon. Where possible, we recommend you have this test at the Hotel as the testing clinic at the Venues may become more crowded.

Currently, you will not be subject to any other testing unless you are a close contact or develop COVID-19 symptoms.

All information provided correct as at Thursday 23 December 2021. Please contact [Services@Tennis.com.au](mailto:Services@Tennis.com.au), if you have any questions.

## TESTING POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 PRIOR TO DEPARTURE

We recognise that a positive test for COVID-19 brings with it a lot of stress and concern, and we are here to do all we can to support you to ensure you are able to make the journey to Australia to be part of our Summer of Tennis.

In the unfortunate event that you test positive for COVID-19 prior to departure, our medical team, led by our Chief Medical Officer Carolyn Broderick, are available via [AOPlayerMedical@tennis.com.au](mailto:AOPlayerMedical@tennis.com.au) to answer any questions and address any concerns you might have.

Our Player Services team are also available to assist you with any changes you may need to make to your schedule and travel plans. Please contact them on [PlayerServices@tennis.com.au](mailto:PlayerServices@tennis.com.au) for any assistance.

***Please note: If you have tested positive in preceding days, but then get a negative test result in your pre-departure test (within 72 hours of flying), you will be okay to travel.***

If you are still testing positive on your pre-departure PCR, you may still travel provided you have a medical certificate from your doctor with the following information:

- The date the certificate is provided
- A statement to the effect that you are now recovered from COVID-19 and you are not considered to be infectious
- The date you first returned a positive PCR test result for COVID-19
- A statement confirming it has been at least 14 days since the day of the first positive result
- Confirmation that you have not had a fever or respiratory symptoms in the previous 72 hours.

(\*If it is marginally less than 14 days since your first positive result, you may – in exceptional circumstances – still be able to travel so please contact AO Player Medical).

These are new conditions as advised by the Australian Government yesterday.

We strongly recommend you speak to your doctor as soon as possible to ensure there is no delay in obtaining this important document. Please also note that, if the medical certificate is dated within 30 days of the flight's departure, those who are recently recovered from COVID-19 are automatically exempt from COVID-19 testing.

It is also possible that, if you have recently recovered from COVID-19, you are a 'persistent shedder' and may therefore test positive on your pre-departure PCR test. This is caused by fragments of the virus which are no longer regarded as infectious. If this applies to you, you will be required to be symptom free for 14 days prior to boarding your flight to Australia and this information must also be stated in your medical certificate.

Please note that the medical certificate should be in English or be accompanied by a certified English translation.

If you require any further assistance, or have any questions, remember your key contacts are:

**For medical services:** [AOPlayerMedical@tennis.com.au](mailto:AOPlayerMedical@tennis.com.au)

**For player services:** [PlayerServices@tennis.com.au](mailto:PlayerServices@tennis.com.au)