

## Testing advice for West Coast residents

Community testing for COVID-19 is more important than ever as we begin to take gradual steps to re-open businesses and activities within our community.



A number of coronavirus mobile testing clinics have been fitted out to be able to deliver testing services in a safe environment in several regional areas to ensure that as many people as possible have access to testing.

The Health Minister has advised that the mobile 'testing bus' will be in:

**Rosebery on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of May**

**Queenstown on 30<sup>th</sup> May and 1<sup>st</sup> June.**

So, if anyone in the West Coast Community has any respiratory symptoms, a cough, sniffle or runny nose, a fever, headaches or sore throat please come forward and get tested.

If you are concerned about what the test entails or that it may not be a pleasant experience, you can find advice also on my website about how it is done (and when compared to a Pap smear, prostate check or other invasive procedure – it really is a walk in the park!

Check the advice here: <https://ruthforrest.com.au/electorate-updates/583-ruth-s-guide-to-having-a-covid-19-test-that-doesn-t-make-your-eyes-water>

As with the previous visit, I want to encourage all workers in our mines, construction, aquaculture, engineering and other essential roles, including customer facing services to get tested.

Discuss this with your boss if you need time off to get a test and don't go to work if you are unwell.

Please call the Public Health Hotline on 1800 671 738 to make an appointment.

In the meantime, until the bus returns you may need to travel to Burnie or get tested by your GP if available.

