

## FAQs Temporary COVID-19 Testing Clinic at Georges Heights Oval, Mosman

### ABOUT

The Sydney Harbour Federation Trust has announced it will host a temporary drive-through testing clinic **until 28 January 2022** at their Georges Heights site, next to the Oval. The testing site has been agreed upon following a request from Mosman Council and after detailed discussions between the Harbour Trust Council and Douglass Hanly Moir Pathology, the clinic operators.

Recognising the need for a testing clinic in Mosman, due to Sydney's current demand for testing, the Harbour Trust has provided a temporary venue for drive-through testing.

The Harbour Trust are committed to continuing to provide access for the many visitors who will be planning to enjoy the stunning scenery over what is typically our busiest month at Headland Park.

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented many challenges.

### DISRUPTIONS

#### **Will there be any disruptions to accessing Georges Heights?**

There will be significant access changes to Georges Heights with the drive-through clinic using the carpark, Georges Heights Oval for queuing purposes, Dominion Crescent, and Suakin Drive.

While we acknowledge the clinic will cause disruption at peak times, careful consideration has been given to finding a location, and implementing operating hours and traffic management measures to minimise the impact on Headland Park's businesses, visitors and residents.

Mosman Council, which manages Georges Heights Oval, will relocate planned summer activities elsewhere.

#### **Will the Georges Heights Farmers Markets continue?**

Yes, the COVID-19 testing clinic will be closed on 12 & 19 January when the popular Georges Heights Farmers Market will be held.

#### **Why did Mosman Council close the Melrose Street testing clinic?**

The clinic was closed in consultation with the police and the operators due to public safety concerns. These concerns included excessive traffic, parking and access issues, and a significant increase in demand. The temporary site at Georges Heights Oval will be a safer option.

### INFORMATION

#### **What are the operating hours of the clinic?**

The COVID-19 testing clinic will open on Monday 27 December and will operate from 8-00 am to 4-00 pm most days until 28 January.

#### **Is there a Traffic Management Plan?**

The Harbour Trust has developed a Traffic Management Plan that will be used to manage traffic and queuing created by the temporary operation of the clinic.

Key elements of traffic management:

- Traffic control personnel will be on-site to manage traffic.
- A key aim of traffic management measures is to avoid, where possible, queuing of vehicles on Suakin and Middle Head Road – to ensure access is maintained for other site users.
- Vehicles will access the clinic via Suakin Drive and Dominion Crescent.
- Vehicles will queue on Dominion Crescent.
- Once the Dominion Crescent queue is full, vehicles will be directed to queue around the perimeter of Georges Heights Oval, before joining the queue on Dominion Crescent.
- If the Oval queue reaches capacity, then subsequent vehicles arriving will be directed away from the site, via

Best Avenue, until queuing capacity becomes available again.

- The western portion of Best Avenue will become a temporary One-Way, away from the Oval.
- The car parks on Suakin Drive, Gunshot Alley, Crane Crescent and the Artists precinct will operate as per normal.

### **Why was Georges Heights chosen?**

A number of potential locations were considered for the clinic. The agreed location at Georges Heights was preferred for:

- It's remoteness from most tenanted buildings.
- Its ability to queue vehicles off the road network (i.e. on the oval).
- Its location at the 'front end' of Headland Park which will better enable dispersal of traffic overflow, minimising congestion on Suakin Drive, Middle Head Road, and elsewhere at Headland Park.
- The use of a generally under-utilised car park, minimising the loss of more in-demand parking areas.

### **Is it a drive through only clinic?**

People being tested will be expected to remain in their vehicles. The clinic is expected to be able to process approximately 50 vehicles per hour.