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Ms Nicole Millis
Chief Executive Officer – Rare Voices Australia
Via email: nicole.millis@rarevoices.com.au

Dear Ms Millis

Thank you for your letter received via email on 23 March 2020, in relation to COVID-19 testing for people living with a rare disease who are displaying symptoms.

Tasmania remains committed to working with the Australian Government and other jurisdictions to ensure a nationally consistent approach to slow the spread of COVID-19. We will continue to be guided by the Public Health experts from across the country when it comes to testing criteria.


These experts have developed the National Guidelines in consultation with the Communicable Diseases Network Australia and endorsed by AHPPC, in order to provide nationally consistent advice for responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tasmania is testing in accordance with the national guidelines. However, as this is a rapidly developing matter, should these guidelines change we will adjust our testing regime accordingly.

Please note that we have recently expanded our criteria to include people with fever and respiratory symptoms who have travelled from interstate in the previous 14 days.

Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact my office on 03 6165 7794 or email minister.courtney@dpac.tas.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Hon Sarah Courtney MP
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