

Using Tasmanian HealthPathways in the COVID-19 response

This fact sheet is designed to help you:

- learn how to access the Tasmanian HealthPathways web-portal, on a desktop computer or mobile phone
- learn how to quickly and easily access Tasmanian HealthPathways content about the local COVID-19 response.

What is Tasmanian HealthPathways?

Tasmanian HealthPathways is a web-based information portal developed by Primary Health Tasmania. It's designed to help primary care clinicians plan local patient care through primary, community and secondary healthcare systems.

Content is developed collaboratively by GPs, hospital clinicians, specialists and a wide range of other health professionals.

How do I use it?

All Tasmanian health professionals can access Tasmanian HealthPathways by going to tasmania.healthpathways.org.au and using the log in details:

- username: connectingcare
- password: health

The homepage of the desktop-based Tasmanian HealthPathways will appear similar to the image below. A “search HealthPathways” function appears in the banner at the top of the screen:

The screenshot shows the desktop homepage of the Tasmanian HealthPathways portal. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "Search HealthPathways". Below the search bar is a navigation menu with categories like "Home", "About HealthPathways", "Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health", "Acute Services", "Allied Health", "Child Health", "Investigations", "Legal and Ethical", "Lifestyle & Preventive Care", "Medical", "Mental Health and Addiction", "Older Persons' Health", "Medicines Management", "Public Health", "Specific Populations", "Surgical", "Women's Health", and "Our Health System". The main content area is divided into several sections: "Health Alerts" with a red header, "Pathway Updates" with a list of updates, "Latest News" with a list of news items, and "About HealthPathways" with a list of links. The page also features a "DIGITAL HEALTH GUIDE" section with icons for "PRIMARY HEALTH TASMANIA", "RACGP RED BOOK", "USEFUL WEBSITES & RESOURCES", "MBS ONLINE", "NPS MEDICINEWISE", "PBS", and "TASMANIAN HEALTH DIRECTORY".

Tasmanian HealthPathways is also available in a mobile-friendly format, pictured right, to allow for easy access to information when you're not at your desk. The website address and log in details are identical for the web-based and mobile versions.

How do I use Tasmanian HealthPathways to support my practice's COVID-19 response?

A Tasmanian HealthPathway has been specifically developed to support local general practice staff and other primary healthcare professionals in the COVID-19 response: [COVID-19 Assessment and Management](#).

The Pathway includes information about:

- presenting symptoms and similar recent epidemics
- how to assess suspected cases, and the use of PPE
- management of suspected cases and isolation protocols
- additional resources from Tasmania, interstate and internationally.

In addition to the COVID-19 Assessment and Management Pathway, health professionals can find further information via the following Pathways

- [COVID-19 Practice Preparation](#)
- [Novel Coronavirus 2019 \(COVID-19\) Information](#)
- [Pandemic Respiratory Illness Pathway](#).
- [COVID-19 Requests](#)

Given the rapidly changing COVID-19 situation, both in Australia and overseas, the Tasmanian HealthPathways team will be updating the Pathway as new information becomes available. With that in mind, we recommend consulting it frequently, to ensure you're using the most up-to-date information available. A reminder that the most current information on a national level will remain the Australian Government's website, which the Pathway links to.

When changes are necessary, please also be advised the technical requirements of the web-based portal mean they may take a period of time to show up on the website itself – but we'll be as efficient as possible.

I've looked at the COVID-19 Tasmanian HealthPathways, but think there's something missing. Who do I contact?

The Tasmanian HealthPathways team welcome new or updated information to ensure the COVID-19 Pathways are accurate and useful to local practitioners.

If you have a suggested addition or change, please:

- email the team at healthpathways@primaryhealthtas.com.au
- use the feedback button (blue with a white text box) in the bottom right-hand corner of the desktop and mobile-friendly homepages
- or call 6213 8200.

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