



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DRIVING ASSESSMENTS - Guidance for COVID-19 Procedures – 22 May 2020

Pre-Assessment Screening

- Confirm 24 hours prior to appointment if client or any other person in the home has been potentially exposed to the virus or has any symptoms.

Do not proceed with the assessment if client/therapist is at risk.

- Organise cashless payment of assessment (pre-payment via bank transfer or tap card where possible).
- Consider sending COVID-19 consent form to client prior to assessment.

Off-Road Driving Assessment

- Additional equipment (in conjunction with usual off-road equipment):
 - Hand sanitiser
 - Disinfectant wipes
 - Disposable Gloves
 - Face Masks
 - COVID-19 Consent Form
- Client and therapist to wash/sanitise hands prior to commencing assessment.
- Maintain 1.5m from client (other attendees) where possible. Complete outdoors if possible.
- Wipe all equipment with disinfectant wipe prior to and after client use (e.g. pens, iPad, eye occluder).
- Therapist to sanitise hands prior to and post any physical contact with client during testing.
- Wipe all equipment with disinfectant wipe prior to and after client use (e.g. pens, iPad, eye occluder).
- If completing assessment in own office, also provide:
 - Tissues
 - No touch garbage/waste bin



On-Road Driving Assessment

- Confirm if driving instructor has been potentially exposed to the virus or has any symptoms (within 24 hours prior to assessment).

Do not proceed with the assessment if client/therapist/driving instructor is at risk.

- Disinfect all parts of the vehicle that client will have/had contact with prior to and after every drive. Wear disposable gloves during disinfecting:
 - External and internal door handles
 - Seat
 - Seat belt
 - Steering wheel
 - Mirrors
 - Secondary controls (gear selector, park brake, indicator and wiper stalk, headlight switch)
 - Keys
 - Modified driving controls
- Face masks available for client/OT/Driving instructor.
- Minimise recirculation of airflow in vehicle (i.e. option to outside fresh air position).

Assessment Feedback Session

- Maintain 1.5m from client (other attendees) where possible. Complete outdoors if possible.
- Wipe all equipment with disinfectant wipe prior to and after client use (e.g. pen to sign recommendations summary sheet as required).

At all times ensure that you remain up to date with state and federal guidelines and put in place all reasonable measures to prevent spread of the virus.

These guidelines should be used as a guide only and you will need to consider how they apply to your own individual practice circumstances.

Thank you to all of the NSW, VIC and QLD Driver Assessor OT's and Driving Instructors who contributed to these guidelines through their participation in the OT Driver Education meeting on 22 May 2020.