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PINK ALERTS

The attached PINK ALERTs are a practical guide to use if you have a positive case of COVID-19.

The PINK ALERTs do not replace a Pandemic Plan and are to be used in addition as step-by-step instruction for staff to organise their initial response in the event there is a positive case identified.

Organizations may choose to use parts of these guidelines and adjust to suit their individual Situations.

Tierra Health are offering these as practical stepped guides to assist the sector.

If you would like to speak to a Tierra Health Consultant about this, need assistance tailoring these for your own organisation or would like to assess your pandemic readiness including mock outbreak trials, please feel free to reach out to:

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LAUNDRY-PINK ALERT

Time - Hour	Item	Action	Signature
Immediate	For COVID Positive Residents	Site COVID Coordinator to contact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spotless Linen and notify that there are positive Residents • Notify Personal Linen Provider that there are COVID affected residents Segregate a separate external area where COVID positive resident's contaminated linen will be stored for pick up Organise bag tags with site name and room number of affected Residents Ensure pillows in the affected residents' rooms are marked by the Covid care staff and not removed from the room	
	PPE	Laundry staff must DON full PPE when handling all linen as soon as a positive COVID case has been identified, including face shield or goggles.	
Ongoing	Alginate bags and yellow contaminated bagging	Ensure the Maintenance officer is provided with alginate bags and yellow contamination plastic bags to provide to the affected rooms Assess stocks of alginate bags and contaminated bags and discuss daily with Covid Coordinator	
	Bagging Linen	<u>Flats Linen:</u> Bag linen in an alginate bag and enclose in a plastic yellow bag- tag the bag with service name and "Flats" <u>Personal linen</u> Bag the linen in alginate bags and enclose in yellow contaminated bag. Ttag the bag with site name and Personal including Residents room number	

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	<p>Where personal Linen is washed onsite</p>	<p>Laundry staff to don full PPE when handling all linen during and outbreak</p> <p>Personal linen of non -affected residents to be washed and dried first</p> <p>Covid positive linen- must be separated in an alginate bag and washed last</p> <p>Linen must be washed on the longest and highest temperature</p> <p>Covid Positive Linen must be dried separately from other residents linen and dried last</p>	
<p>Post Outbreak</p>	<p>Notification to linen providers</p>	<p>Covid Coordinator to notify the linen providers when the outbreak is cleared and linen to then return to normal processes</p>	