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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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Maintenance -PINK ALERT

On completion of this sheet provide to admin and scan to HO Pandemic Co-ordinator

Time - Hour	Item	Action	Comment / Signature
Immediate	PPE	Put on PPE (mask, gown, gloves)	
Immediate	'Outbreak zone'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place bunting in corridor to prevent circulation into room Close smoke / fire floors 	
Immediate	Secure all egress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place signage "lock down" on doors 	
Immediate	Air-conditioning <i>-do not enter the room this is the role of the 'Covid nurse'</i>	Turn off air-conditioning to the room <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If single head unit then in the bedroom turn-off then remove remote control and place tag over control 'not to use' If group air-conditioning turn off then remove remote control and place tag over control 'not to use' Open windows Contact HO co-ordinator to organise stand heating / cooling for each room 	
1	Stock	Set up bins for nurses to place in bedroom (yellow) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Garbage Linen Personal linen – alginate Additional cleaning sprays Delivery white gowns for resident(s) 	
2	Contractors & Suppliers	Planned contractor visits to be cancelled Emergency contractors contact HO co-ordinator to discuss entry	

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2	Pan room	Identify nearest pan room	
2	Cleaning equipment	Deliver sprays and wipes for each room in the affected zone as applicable - check with management	
3	Waste	Contact waste company for yellow bins x6	
3	'Outbreak zone'	Confirm with manager separation is correct	
3	Staff room	Delivery staff room supplies to designated area for staff looking after infected residents – advise Manager and Care Manager	
3	Bus	Advise bus team of outbreak Bus team to advise other homes all bus trips immediately cancelled	
4	Supplies	All supplies (milk, food, anything) to be delivered to designated area outside and you bring supplies inside	
4	Car parking	Organise care parking for Pandemic workers Use cones to designate area	
Ongoing	Preventative and reactive maintenance	Liaise with HO Co-ordinator	
		Report to COVID Coordinator daily for updates and further instructions	