

COVID-19

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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CARE STAFF – GENERAL GUIDELINES

Item	Action	Signature
Arrival to work	Care staff allocated to COVID residents are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To change into uniforms at work- do not wear on the way or home from work 	
Directions	Report to the COVID coordinator or read the directions and communications from the COVID coordinator If allocated to COVID affected residents do not assist staff with any other residents in the home until directed	
Breaks	Do not mix with other staff from the home on your breaks- take your break in the area designated by the Covid Coordinator	
Documentation	Document charting etc only on the allocated Computer- do not sit or use the main nurses station	
Resident Care	Do not allow anyone else to enter the room except those staff allocated to the affected residents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meals will be removed from the tray by the staff member operating the trolley and placed on a table within the outbreak zone. Trays must not be touched by the 'Covid nurses'. Once placed on the table the Covid nurse collects each plate, crockery etc and takes it to the bedroom. Discard disposable crockery and cutlery in yellow bin on completion of meal/snack. Water- only use bottled eater for affected residents- do not use jugs from the kitchen Showering- only use the allocated shower for the affected residents If there are others using the shower, affected residents are showered last and then a full deep clean of the bathroom /toilet area 2x person assist- only use other COVID allocated staff for any resident transfer/assistance Hoist and lifters- only use the allocated lifter for the affected residents and store away from the general lifter 	