

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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RAO (Residential Activities officer) – PINK ALERT

Time - Hour	Item	Action	Comments/Signature
Immediate	HOD (Heads of Dept) meeting	Co-ordinator of RAO on duty to attend HOD meeting	
Immediate	Staff allocation	Co-ordinator / RAO to organise RAO staff to provide emotional support, reassure, re-direct and monitor wandering and anxious residents	
1	RAO - The area that is affected will have RAO staff allocated to each area	Covid Team who work in the area but only caring for those with a diagnosis	
		Both groups only use staff facilities designated for these teams so you do not mix with the general staff	
		You can only enter the rooms of residents who have Covid-19	
	If allocated as Covid RAO	<p>You can only enter the rooms of residents who have Covid-19</p> <p>You must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Only use the allocated computer – sees signage ○ Station yourself outside the affected bedroom ○ Try not to circulate in the corridor or general areas 	
1	If in non-Covid area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monitor residents and reassure them ○ Offer activity packs and check each resident for emotional support 	
Ongoing	Covid RAO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monitor wandering residents ○ Give emotional support and reassurance 	

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	<p>General guidelines</p>	<p>Arrival to work RAO allocated to COVID residents are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Change into uniforms at work- do not wear on the way or home from work ○ 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 nurse's station 	
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