

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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KITCHEN – PINK ALERT

Hour	Item	Action	Comment/ Sign
Immediate	Meet with Care Manager at heads of dept	<p>Highlight in the kitchen area the affected residents and ensure the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All meals to be served on plastic crockery and disposable cutlery and serviettes • Kitchen staff do not enter the Covid affected residents' rooms. Deliver the food to the corridor and the care staff will take it to the resident • Bottled water is given to the RN/Care staff to take to the rooms of affected residents • Meals are prepared and serviced on disposable plates with disposable cutlery and paper napkins. Salt and pepper is delivered in disposable sachets • Thickened fluids are given via disposable pre-bought drinks- see RN • Food is taken of the tray and placed on tables in the outbreak zone so trays are not given to residents. • On leaving the outbreak zone spray the castors and trolley with aerosol disinfectant • Before trays are returned to the kitchen for washing again spray trays and trolley with aerosol disinfectant 	
Ongoing	Affected Residents	<p>Highlight in the kitchen area the affected residents and ensure the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kitchen staff do not enter the rooms of affected residents • Bottled water is given to the RN/Care staff to take to the rooms of affected residents • Meals are prepared and serviced on disposable plates with disposable cutlery and paper napkins. Salt and pepper is delivered in disposable sachets • Thickened fluids are given via disposable pre-bought drinks- see RN 	
Ongoing	Documentation	<p>Kitchen to document and maintain a register of who has received a meal on a disposable plate etc Who has been given bottled water and how many, etc</p>	
	Meals for others	<p>All visitor and staff meals will be stopped during an outbreak Only Resident meals will be prepared</p>	