



23 February 2022

Dear Staff member

Our number one priority is the safety and well-being of our residents and staff.

As community transmission is beginning to increase in Western Australia we need to remain vigilant.

From 24 February 2022, Hall & Prior will commence surveillance Rapid Antigen Testing for all staff entering a Residential Aged Care Home. Testing will be required on Monday and Thursday each week until otherwise advised.

Each Home is issuing two (2) Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) kits to each staff member. Each RAT that is performed and provided as evidence will be replaced (the 2nd kit is in case there is any issue with the first one). The Home will provide you with a competency to show you how to do a RAT by yourself but also please follow the instructions on the packet.

A RAT will need to be completed two (2) hours prior to your first shift on or after Monday and Thursday each week. If you test positive, do not leave home. Inform your Director of Nursing/Executive Manager immediately. You may be asked to get a PCR test.

For negative tests, please seal the test cassette/test device in a plastic bag or cling wrap. On arrival at the Home, present the test cassette/test device to reception and you will be given a replacement RAT. If you fail to collect a replacement RAT, you are still required to provide evidence of a negative RAT the next Monday/Thursday at your own cost.

Should you become symptomatic on any day prior to attending work, please self-administer your spare RAT and follow the same protocol as per above.

Use your Hall & Prior RAT for your first shift on or after Monday and Thursday each week. See below examples

Example 1. You work Monday, Wednesday and Friday. You would use a Hall & Prior RAT 2 hours before your shift on Monday and Friday.

Example 2. You work Friday, Saturday and Sunday. You would only need to use one Hall & Prior RAT a week – test 2 hours before your shift on Friday.

Example 3. You work Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday. You would use a Hall & Prior RAT 2 hours before your shift on Tuesday and Thursday.

If you have any further questions regarding this please speak to your Director of Nursing/Executive Manager.

We are all in this together against COVID-19.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Graeme Prior".

GRAEME PRIOR
Chief Executive Officer