Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs)

The following outlines the steps for using RATs for businesses



Rapid Antigen Testing PCR testing **Setting up After RAT** Heads to work and goes to the Disposes of RAT (see key message Goes to GP or Community Testing Advise your employee that you designated testing area. #5) and updates their employer. Centre and provides details. want them to undergo Rapid including their code for test Antigen Testing and what this will (provided by their employer). mean for them. Checks with **Healthpoint** for local Designated support person may community testing services, or supervise worker doing the RAT or books in with their GP for a test. they may take the test themselves. PCR test taken and self-isolates The worker is given guidance. They See key message #6. while awaiting result. can choose whether to test at Self isolates until the time they home or at work. travel for PCR test. Positive/ Neaative ndeterminate/ Contacted by Contacted by Public Health, Tests at Worker will wait for result. text message follows their and updates advice & updates their employer. employer. Negative result Worker will follow instructions / quidelines and carry out test in an appropriate environment, see key Goes to work, see key message Disposes of RAT (see key message message #7 relating to conditions #2.. #5) and updates their employer. required. Key messages

- 1 After two consecutive invalid RAT tests a PCR test must be taken.
- 2 A negative RAT result does not guarantee you are COVID-19 free. All public health measures must be maintained including wearing face coverings, social distancing, hand washing and continuing to scan in at locations.
- 3 For COVID-19 health advice, please call 0800 358 5453 at any time.
- If you develop any COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, you must immediately get a standard COVID-19 test and self-isolate until you get a negative result.

- Used RAT kits and PPE are considered medical waste and so must be disposed of safely in a zip-locked bag along with normal rubbish. Businesses with large volumes of medical waste should dispose of it in a biohazard bin.
- 6 PPE requirements vary depending on the RAT kit used. Please make sure you follow all PPE recommendations. This includes the PPE requirements for any support person overseeing testing.
- Make sure you follow all of the RAT guidance, including clearing and cleaning the test area, blowing your nose and washing your hands.
- 8 For general staff management protocols after a positive RAT result see here.
- **9** General staff management protocols after a positive PCR result are currently being finalised.

