

Care Worker COVID Isolation & Release Instructions – 8th Feb 2022

	Provider Responsibilities	
	For all Care Workers	Providers to action
<p>When a Care Worker is COVID POSITIVE</p>	<p>Care Workers must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Isolate for 14 days. This is made up of a 7 day mandatory isolation (in line with National Protocols) combined with a further 7 days as home care is HIGH RISK -SETTING Be asymptomatic before they resume Care Connect service delivery <p>No requirement for RAT testing</p>	<p>Providers must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notify Care Connect of Care Worker status and remove Care Worker from shifts for 14 days from the 1st day of a positive test Offer alternative Care Worker for the shift, if available Advise Care Connect of all clients who have been a close or social contact of a Care Worker during the infectious period Ensure all Care Workers are asymptomatic before they return to CCL service delivery
<p>When a Care Worker is a CLOSE CONTACT</p> <p>HIGH RISK EXPOSURE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Household setting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exposure to a COVID-19 case in a household or household-like setting >4 hours Workplace setting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where a worker has been exposed to COVID in a workplace setting where the risk of exposure is defined as high; Staff who were not wearing airborne precautions PPE (<i>N95/P2 masks, eye protection, gowns, and gloves</i>) where aerosol generating behaviours or procedures have been involved; 	<p>Care Workers must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Isolate for a mandatory 7 days (<i>in line with National Protocols</i>) Undertake a daily RAT testing from day 8 to day 14 before they return to provide services Be asymptomatic before they return to work Wear Level 3 PPE including N95 and eye protection , for service delivery, from day 8 to day 14 Not deliver services to Care Connect clients for 14 days if a RAT is unavailable 	<p>Providers must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notify Care Connect of Care Worker status and remove Care Worker from their shifts for 7 days from the 1st day of a positive test Ensure, that when a provider offers back a Care Worker on day 8, this is done so in accordance with requirements – RAT testing & Level 3 PPE Have the approval of the client to resume services with Care Worker after day 7 Take responsibility to ensure Care Worker is trained in Level 3 PPE Provide access to RATs Monitor Care Worker compliance with above

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Had at least 15 minutes face to face contact, where both mask and eyewear were not worn by exposed by the case or Care Worker; • Greater than 2 hours within the same room with a case during their infectious period, where masks were removed for this period. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to the protocol for COVID POSITIVE (above) if they become positive between Day 1 - 14 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure a Care Worker returns a negative test on day 8 - 14 before they resume services • Ensures a Care Worker is asymptomatic before they resume Care Connect service delivery
<p>When a Care Worker is a SOCIAL / OTHER CONTACT</p> <p>LOW RISK EXPOSURE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where a Care Worker is without a mask, in social contact within a community, school or workplace with a person who has COVID • Where a Care Worker is exposed in a home care setting wearing mask / PPE, providing services to a client who has COVID, or who is isolating 	<p>Care Worker must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake a daily RAT for 7 days and report result to employer • Wear Level 3 PPE including N95 and eye protection • Be asymptomatic before they resume Care Connect service delivery 	<p>Provider must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notify Care Connect of Care Worker status • Manage daily RAT results • Take responsibility to ensure that all Care Workers are trained in Level 3 PPE • Provide access to RATs • Monitor Care Worker compliance with above • Ensure that the Care Worker is asymptomatic before they resume Care Connect service delivery

Client Status

**If a client is COVID positive, close contact or social contact, Care Connect will advise you of the status of the service.
If the service goes ahead, a minimum of Level 3 PPE will be required.**

Level 3 PPE

Ensure the Care Worker has completed an assessment for competency in the following:

- P2/N95 Mask – *including an accurate fit of the mask*
- Gown, eye protection and gloves - *ensuring competency in the donning and doffing*
- Waste management