


# Response to COVID-19 infection in RAC Residents\*



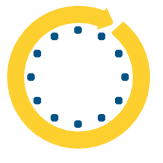
## First 24 hours managing COVID-19 in a residential aged care facility

Step 1. Print out the full [pdf from the Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care](#)

Step 2. Print the following checklist to monitor your progress through the guidance steps

Time	Action	Page	Tick when completed
 <p><b>First 30 minutes – 6 hours</b></p>	Isolate COVID-19 positive cases	1	
	If staff are COVID-19 positive check when previously on site	1	
	Sensitively inform the COVID-19 positive residents	1	
	Isolate infected residents in their room with an ensuite or commode	1	
	Clinical assessment of symptoms	1	
	Clinical assessment of suitability for antiviral treatment	1	
	Inform resident's family or representatives	1	
	Notify resident's GP and discuss treatment options	1	
	If required discuss other accommodation options	2	
	Assess all residents for use of antiviral treatments	2	
	Reinforce facility Infection Prevention Control (IPC) protocols	2	
	Notify relevant authorities of positive cases(s)	2	
	Confirm vaccination status of all residents and staff	2	
	Confirm whether the case constitutes an outbreak or exposure	2	
	Understand COVID-19 screening protocols	3	
Enact communication plan outlined in your outbreak management plan	3		
Contact trace and monitor residents	3		

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 <p><b>First 30 minutes – 6 hours</b></p>	Check PPE and Rapid Antigen Testing kit supplies and waste management	3	
	Convene and run first Outbreak Management Team meeting	3	
	Plan your staff roster	3	
	Arranged for COVID-19 testing and record results	4	
	Clinically monitor and manage COVID-19 positive residents	4	
	Continue ongoing care irrespective of COVID-19 status	4	
 <p><b>Hours 6 – 12</b></p>	Cohort, zone and relocate residents	5	
	Move to a command-based governance structure	5	
	Enhance IPC measures including PPE supply and training	5	
	Infection control	5	
	Organise vaccination clinic if required	5	
 <p><b>Hours 12 – 24</b></p>	Clinical First Responder assessment	5	
	Review advance care directives	6	
	Maintaining residents' social contact	6	
	Follow up communications	6	
	Continue primary health care and allied health support	6	
	Support your staff including fatigue management and support for those infected	6	
	Continue to monitor state / territory guidelines and webpage	6-7	

\*Staff testing COVID-19 positive should apply a surgical mask, leave the premises, and isolate at home.