

Wednesday 18 August 2021

Dear Family members and Carers,

I am very pleased to inform you that starting **tomorrow, Thursday, 19 August**, the staff at BaptistCare Niola will have access to Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT) for COVID-19.

The increasing number of COVID-19 cases in the Dubbo area is concerning. The RAT is an excellent tool to help us keep residents and staff safe from the virus, in combination with PPE, hand hygiene and social distancing.

If you are unfamiliar with this test, it is a swift testing method for COVID-19, with test results available in under 30 minutes. It has a detection rate of 87%, which is only slightly less accurate than the standard COVID-19 test. Having instantaneous results will help keep residents and staff safe as any infection can be detected immediately.

The test will be mandatory for staff before they commence each shift.

Please don't hesitate to speak to Kylie Sense if you have any questions or concerns about staff taking the RAT.

Kind regards,



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