



# Now what..?!

## Managing swab results of residents with respiratory symptoms in your facility



### Resident with respiratory virus symptoms



#### Rapid antigen detection test (RADT) for COVID-19

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**RADT negative**

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**RADT positive**

**Send a PCR for Respiratory Panel** (maximum of 3 - 5 swabs per outbreak)

**Manage as a case of COVID-19** (send maximum of 3 - 5 PCR swabs per COVID-19 outbreak during flu surge)

**Isolate resident until the results are known**

**The results are in! What's next..? Are the results...**

**Positive for COVID-19?**

- Medical review and consider antivirals
- The period of isolation is a minimum of 5 days from date of symptom onset
- Contact tracing is not required.
- No need to notify public health of single cases.

**Positive for influenza?**

- Medical review : Antivirals usually advised for case within 48 hours of symptom onset
- The period of isolation is a minimum of 5 days from date of symptom onset
- Identify close contacts; consider prophylactic antivirals within 48 hrs of exposure

**Positive for RSV or another virus?**

- Medical review if clinically unwell, sometimes elderly people with RSV need hospital.
- The period of isolation is a minimum of 5 days from date of onset of symptoms
- Contact tracing not required.

**Negative or "not detected"?**

- Medical review: If case was suspected influenza and is already on antivirals, a full course of treatment unless an alternative diagnosis can be established is recommended.
- Isolate until acute symptoms have resolved for 48 hours.