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**Advice to General Practitioners who:**

- **work or reside in the Lakemba postcode area, and**
- **visit any aged care facilities**

There is currently a significant COVID-19 cluster in the Lakemba area. Residents of aged care facilities are at particularly high risk for poor outcomes of a COVID-19 infection, and it is difficult to gain control of any COVID-19 outbreaks that occur within an RACF.

Sydney Local Health District (SLHD) and the Central and Eastern Sydney Primary Health Network (CESPHN) are advising all GPs who work or reside in the Lakemba post code area that they **must not visit any aged care facility** unless they have attended an SLHD COVID 19 testing clinic first, and have a negative COVID test result returned. You must then continue to be tested and have a negative result at least 72 hours prior to attending a residential facility until further notice.

- **If you will be visiting visit aged care facilities, you should attend for testing as soon as possible.**
- When you attend a testing clinic you should identify yourself as GP Lakemba so that the processing of your test can be given SLHD staff priority
- Testing clinics are situated at
  - Lakemba Walk in COVID Clinic – Lakemba Uniting Church, Crn Haldon St and the Boulevard Lakemba. Tues – Saturday 10am – 7pm. 13- 17<sup>th</sup> October 2020
  - Canterbury Hospital – Main Building 10am – 8pm 7 days per week
  - Roselands Drive through COVID Clinic – Roselands open air car park, Roselands Drive Roselands. 8am -10pm 7 days per week.
- You will need to show a recent negative result when being screened on entry to an RACF
- You must wear full PPE when attending to the resident. RACFs must provide adequate PPE for your use.
- Once your assessment is complete you must leave the facility immediately after handing over any instruction to RACF staff
- You must not utilise any computer or other equipment while at the RACF.
- In some RACFs telehealth videoconferencing can be an appropriate alternative to a face to face review in some situations

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