CANTERBURY PRIMARY RESPONSE GROUP **COVID-19** UPDATE

Thursday 4th June 2020 1600 hours

Important information for all General Practices, Community Pharmacies, Community Nursing and Aged Care Facilities – Please share this with everyone in your team

Return to Work for Healthcare Workers

As requested by Community & Public Health, there are some changes to the process for healthcare workers returning to work, as follows:

- All healthcare workers who are confirmed or probable COVID-19 cases should have two negative PCR tests at least 24 hours apart prior to their return to work. A healthcare worker case may be released from isolation following approval by Community & Public Health before meeting the requirements for a return to work.
- All healthcare workers who have been in close contact with a confirmed or probable COVID-19 case should be tested for COVID-19 prior to release from self-quarantine, on day 12 or 13, even if they have no symptoms. A negative test is required before they can return to work.
- CDHB staff with symptoms meeting the case definition for COVID-19 will now be tested by their GP or a CBAC rather than at the CDHB staff only CBAC.
- Information is available on HealthPathways > COVID-19 > Initial Assessment and Management – see confirmed or probable COVID-19 case, managing contacts, and healthcare worker exposure sections.

Kind regards,

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