Rapid Antigen Testing

Close contact exemption scheme

**Checklist to complete before submitting your order**

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To ensure health and critical services can continue to function, fully vaccinated workers who fall under the ‘critical services’ category and are an asymptomatic close contact will be eligible for access to free rapid antigen tests (RATs) under the Close Contact Exemption Scheme.

Workers employed in an early learning service, kura or school may be covered by the scheme if they would otherwise be unable to supervise those children and students who need to attend. It should only be a last resort.

Please complete the checklist below before you order to make sure you’re eligible for RATs under the scheme.

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| **Have you registered on MBIE’s** [**Critical Services Register**](https://www.business.govt.nz/covid-19/close-contact-exemption-scheme/)**?*** RATs can only be provided to registered critical services. You must be registered as a critical service before ordering and need to supply your registration number when you place your order.
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| **Does your early learning service, kura or school have students and children who need to attend in person?*** If no, your early learning service, kura or school is not eligible for the scheme at this point. If yes, you may be eligible.
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| **Have you identified the minimum number of people you need onsite to safely operate your early learning service, kura or school?*** For example, in early learning services, to meet minimum adult:child ratios and person responsible; to meet health and safety requirements.
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| **Are there sufficient people available to supervise these children, without having a staff member who is a close contact return to work?*** If yes, your early learning service, kura or school is not eligible for the scheme at this point. If no, you may be eligible.
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| **Have you considered all possible alternatives to accessing the scheme?*** For example, the use of relief teachers, unregistered teachers who hold a Limited Authority to Teach, non-teaching staff providing supervision for distance learning, or rearranging classes or timetables.
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| **Is the person you are accessing RATs for a critical worker?*** If you are ordering for multiple people, they must all be critical workers, who need to be present to care for children and students who need to attend.
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| **Is the person you are accessing RATs for a confirmed close contacts of a positive COVID-19 case?*** If you are ordering for multiple people, they must all be close contacts.
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| **Is the person you are accessing RATs for asymptomatic?*** If you are ordering for multiple people who are close contacts, they must all be asymptomatic.
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| **Does the person you are accessing RATs for understand what they need to do to access the scheme?*** Critical workers must return a daily negative RAT for each day they are in the workplace, until the end of their isolation period. If they develop COVID-19 symptoms or return a positive test, they cannot return to their workplace. A rang of other [health measures](https://www.business.govt.nz/covid-19/close-contact-exemption-scheme/) must also be in place in the workplace.
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