



## RAPID ANTIGEN TESTING

### DETECT COVID-19 **BEFORE** IT ENTERS YOUR AGED CARE FACILITY



Respond Global has been heavily involved in the COVID-19 response since early 2020, supporting the coordination of the Commonwealth response to the **Victorian aged care crisis**, managing crew quarantine aboard the **Ruby Princess**, and supplying antigen tests and screening protocols to the **Howard Springs quarantine facility** as well as to a number of leading **aged care, tourism and resource companies**.

Led by Dr Ian Norton, formerly of the WHO, we have experience in responding to some of the **world's largest outbreaks and disasters** in very challenging conditions, including the Ebola outbreaks in the DRC and West Africa, and the Diphtheria outbreak in Bangladesh amongst the Rohingya migrant camps.

**We are infection prevention and control experts.**

## Protecting our most vulnerable



Respond Global can support businesses to design and implement rapid antigen testing regimes onsite.

### Benefits of Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs)

- **Early detection** of those who are most infectious **before** they show symptoms.
- Accurate **results in 15 minutes**.
- **Test onsite**, no need to send swabs to a laboratory and await results.
- Real-time risk management **puts you in control**.
- **Cost-effective** and easy to use, by health providers onsite.
- Ideal for testing **high-risk staff**.

Rapid antigen test (RAT) screening of staff entering the site during times of local community transmission that would continue through future clusters or outbreaks involving the facility, allows **essential care and resident support to continue**.

### Support to Rollout Rapid Antigen Screening

- Review and supplement existing COVID plans with **additional risk control protocols**.
- Provide protocols for implementing a rapid antigen screening regime.
- Ensure **robust staff health screening** procedures are in place.
- Reviewing current **design and flow within a facility** including conducting virtual walkthroughs to set up testing stations.
- **Training staff** in how to use rapid antigen tests, including live virtual demonstrations.
- **Train the Trainer** support.
- **Critical incident response** and troubleshooting support to senior management when needed.