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To whom it may concern

Re: Contact with Covid-19 positive cases

This letter outlines our risk mitigation plans for the home visit service in the context of the growing COVID-19 outbreak and/or endemic COVID-19. We are considering all areas of our operation to see which procedures will need to be adapted and the level of service that can and will be reasonably accommodated. With the current case burden in the community it is expected that our phlebotomists will be having contact with unknown or known COVID-19 cases.

To mitigate the risk to our staff and the risk of onward transmission, PPE for our home visit team is optimised to include N95 masks, in addition to visors, gowns and gloves. Our home visits staff will also undertake high frequency surveillance testing, symptom monitoring themselves and their household, and continue to follow standard infection prevention measures (e.g. hand hygiene).

Consistent with current practice in the wider health sector, phlebotomy staff using appropriate PPE and following the required Infection, prevention and control (IPC) measures are not stood down after bleeding COVID-19 positive cases.

If our phlebotomists are turned away because they have been in contact with COVID-19 positive cases as part of their phlebotomy work, we will be unable to send a different phlebotomist to cover.

Kind regards

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