



COVID-19 Daily RAT Testing

Parent/Caregiver/Whānau Information – Neonatal Services

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If at any time you return a positive result and or start to develop any of the below symptoms, please immediately inform the nurse caring for your baby.

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- new or worsening cough
- sneezing and runny nose
- fever
- temporary loss of smell or altered sense of taste
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- fatigue/feeling of tiredness

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