Aged Care – Pathology Testing in Aged Care

The Government will fund specialist ‘inreach’ pathology testing for COVID-19 and influenza in residential aged care facilities.

Residents of aged care facilities with COVID-19 symptoms will be able to be tested without leaving the facility.

**Why is this important?**

The risks to older Australians living in aged care facilities from COVID-19 are higher than the general population. It can also be more difficult to coordinate care and testing for people living in residential aged care.

This measure will provide a dedicated service to collect and test samples for people living in residential aged care. The services will be available quickly and efficiently, without additional administrative work for providers.

**Who benefits?**

Australians living in residential aged care will benefit from this measure.

If aged care providers are supported through outbreaks of COVID-19, by efficient, timely testing, the outcomes will be better for their residents, and for the health system as a whole.

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