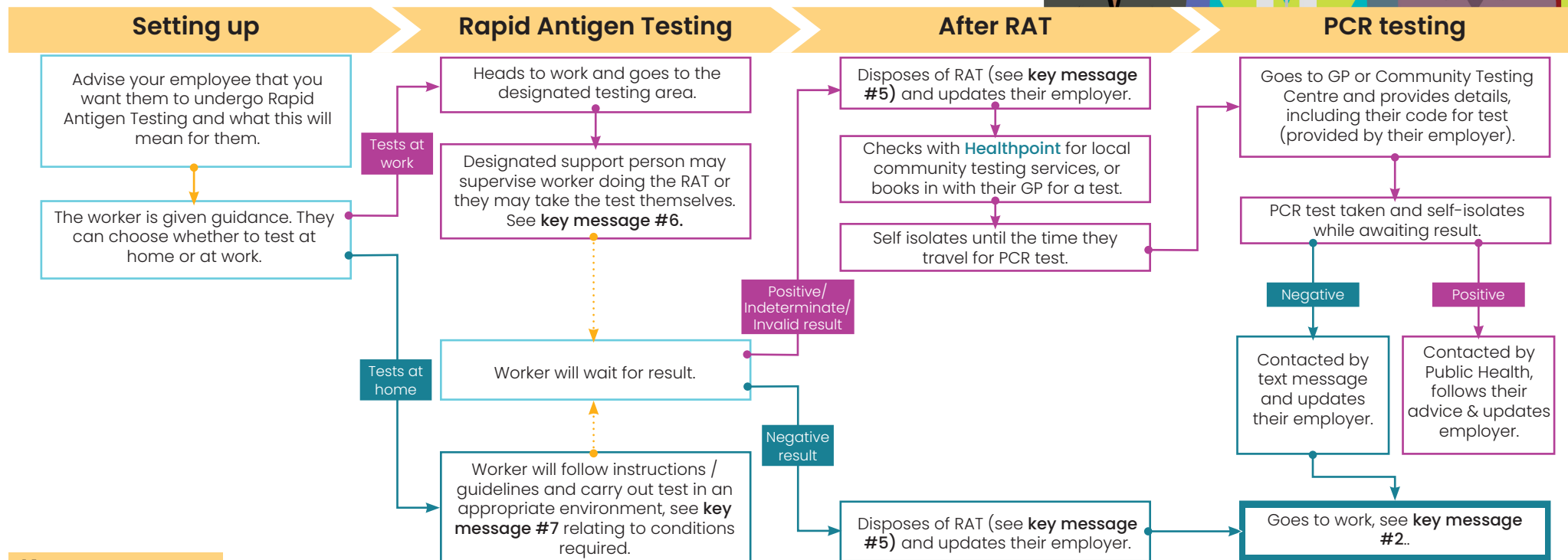


Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs)

The following outlines the steps for using RATs for businesses



Key messages

- 1 After two consecutive invalid RAT tests a PCR test must be taken.
- 2 A negative RAT result does not guarantee you are COVID-19 free. All public health measures must be maintained including wearing face coverings, social distancing, hand washing and continuing to scan in at locations.
- 3 For COVID-19 health advice, please call 0800 358 5453 at any time.
- 4 If you develop any COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, you must immediately get a **standard COVID-19 test** and self-isolate until you get a negative result.
- 5 Used RAT kits and PPE are considered medical waste and so must be disposed of safely in a zip-locked bag along with normal rubbish. Businesses with large volumes of medical waste should dispose of it in a biohazard bin.
- 6 PPE requirements vary depending on the RAT kit used. Please make sure you follow all PPE recommendations. This includes the PPE requirements for any support person overseeing testing.
- 7 Make sure you follow all of the RAT guidance, including clearing and cleaning the test area, blowing your nose and washing your hands.
- 8 For general staff management protocols after a positive RAT result [see here](#).
- 9 General staff management protocols after a positive PCR result are currently being finalised.