

Tena koe ISK

Testing for Covid in the workplace

Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT) were approved by the government for use from 15th December. These tests are self-applied, but are not for public use. ISK helped distribute the tests to our members for workplace use. Training for the administration of RAT was held at ISK offices, with companies learning how to administer the tests for use in their workplaces.

Pharmacies will be administering RAT for individuals wanting to produce a negative test prior to travelling. *Advice received direct from MoH regards RAT administered by a healthcare or trained professional in a workplace is not sufficient and cannot be used as evidence of a negative test to cross borders or board domestic flight. To be accepted as evidence this must be conducted by a Pharmacy and this pharmacy testing is only available and free of charge for unvaccinated persons. The text used as evidence must come from the COVID-19 National Clinical Data Repository that manages test results.* This means that RAT results provided from workplace tests will not be accepted for an unvaccinated individual wanting to cross a border. Check out the government site [here](#) for more information.

Planned for the end of January is saliva testing for Covid. A phone app is also planned for release at the end of January that will list an individual's Covid test history. If your business has any questions about the training or the RAT then please send us an email.

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ISK Study Groups

The mechanical cluster study groups have finished for 2021. The apprentices that attended enjoyed keeping on top of their book work and the tutor Jo Spod was pleased with their progress. The classes will resume early 2022, ISK will notify the businesses closer to the date once confirmed.

ISK office over the new year period

ISK will be closed between 23rd December and 10th January. Any urgent matters can be brought to attention by email. We wish everyone a happy festive season and hope you enjoy the time off.

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