**On-boarding GP practice with 1st Covid case**

* You have a Covid positive patient/s/whanau
* Name, NHI
* Cover risk stratification tool and reassure ++++++++ management
* Most are high risk, especially at present
* Advice how to get **pulse oximeter**

**Pulse oximeters supplies**

The DHB have a supply of pulse oximeters that we can make available to GP practices to be able to give to high risk Covid patients to assist with monitoring their illness ( See Covid Home Monitoring in the Community.)

For further supplies, please contact ( Local DHB Contact here …. )

You will need to supply the following information (in the interim until e-referral form developed)

* the NHI of the Covid patient
* Whether to deliver to GP or directly to patient’ address
* any other logistical concerns
* the pulse oximeter will be delivered with the Patient Booklet.

In our DHB we :

* Advise virtual management only, if possible
* Advise currently, GP not responsible for Manaaki, welfare, or enforcing quarantine regulations, or how long to isolate for.
* If you are concerned with patient compliance to isolation, you can contact

• Medical Officer of Health on call **( Local number … )**

• Health Protection Officer on call **( Local number …. )**

* Be reassured we are just treating an URTI and that 85% of unvaccinated patients have mild illness (while we have a mostly vaccinated population)

Some rural practices in particular are happy to manage patients 7/7 per week. However, for those practices that can’t/don’t/won’t, they can contact the Primary Care Response Unit (**Local Number ….** ) to cover for them (currently no electronic form of handover, but hopefully will be in future)

If the practice is getting anxious, ring hospital **early**. Have a low threshold for admission.