

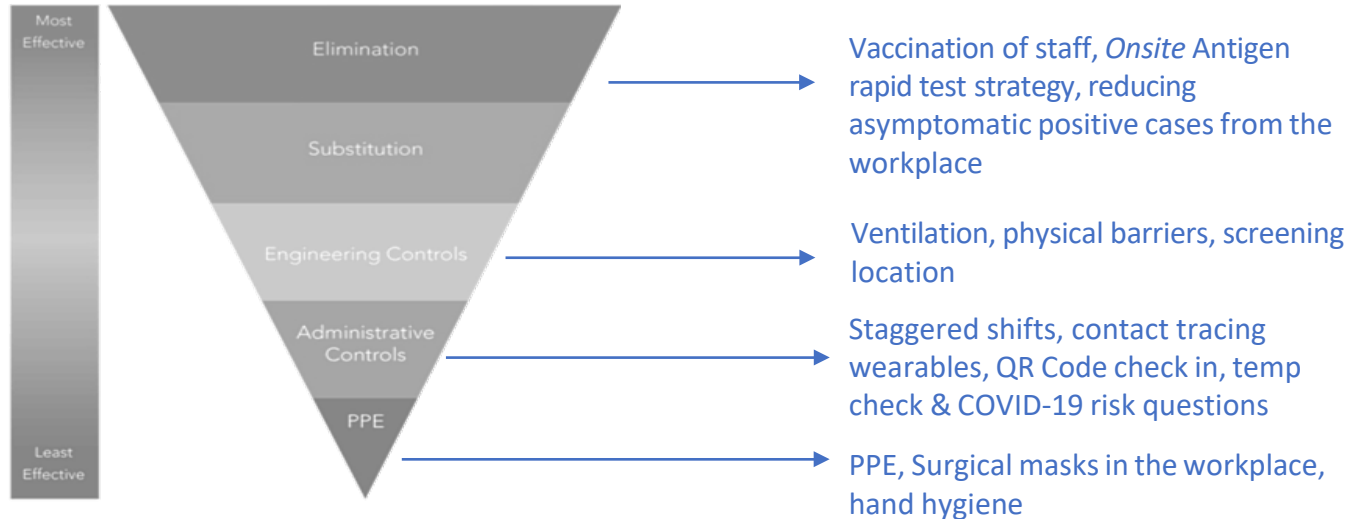
# ESTABLISHING YOUR *Onsite* SCREENING STRATEGY

The *Onsite* COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test is an effective tool in keeping your workplace safe and giving your staff and their families peace of mind.

## Hierarchy of Controls

The *Onsite* antigen rapid test supports your workplace by preventing positive asymptomatic staff members from entering the workplace when they are most infectious and likely to pass on the virus. This is the most effective form of control and compliments other interventions to reduce COVID-19 that are standard in high consequence industries.

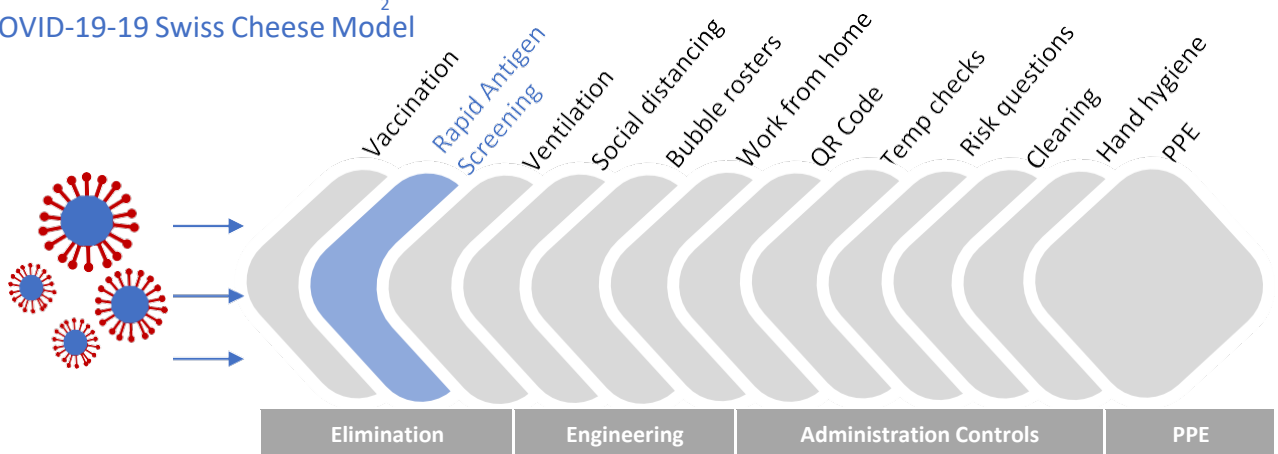
COVID-19-19 Hierarchy of Controls<sup>1</sup>



## Your Workplace Defence Layers

Implementing a testing strategy for your workplace adds an important layer of protection to your COVID-19 Safe Plan and risk mitigation strategies. In times of increased community spread, antigen testing of staff with no symptoms is a strong layer of defence against the Delta variant, while vaccination rates remain low in the Australian setting.

COVID-19-19 Swiss Cheese Model<sup>2</sup>



Rapid Antigen tests are highly portable, reliable, and easy to administer, making testing possible in a range of diverse settings and geographical locations. Rapid antigen tests can screen for COVID-19 within 15 minutes.

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1. <https://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/hierarchy-control>

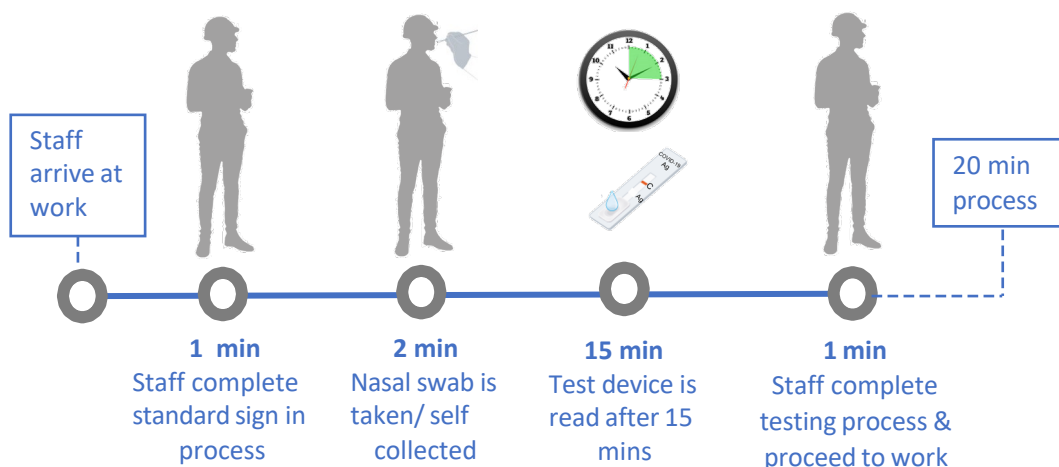
2. <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/12/05/health/coronavirus-swiss-cheese-infection-mackay.html>

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## Workforce Experience

The staff antigen testing journey is detailed below. The testing takes up to 20 mins depending on what sign in processes exist in your workplace. Generally staff check in via a QR code or manual sign in and may have their temperature taken. Then they progress to having a nasal swab taken and then wait for 15 minutes for the test to be read.

Illustration of proposed staff antigen testing journey



## Communication with Staff

Rapid antigen testing is voluntary and companies find providing FAQ and information session prior to role out beneficial for staff to understand the process and the rational behind the screening strategy.

## Quality Control Made Easy

The *Onsite* tests have a built in control feature, the C line on the test device. If the C line does not develop after the sample has been applied to the device, the result is invalid and the test needs to be repeated. To ensure the test devices are ready for use always;

- Store boxes between 2-30°C
- Bring Onsite antigen rapid tests to room temperature before use
- Check expiry date on each testing device



## Further Resources

- <https://www.nsw.gov.au/COVID-19-19/health-and-wellbeing/clinics/rapid-antigen-testing>
- [Rethinking COVID-19-19 Test Sensitivity — A Strategy for Containment \(nejm.org\)](#)
- [Rapid coronavirus tests: a guide for the perplexed \(nature.com\)](#)

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