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Rapid Antigen Testing vital safety measure: transport workers

Rapid Antigen Tests should be available at all transport workplaces as an additional safety measure aimed at protecting workers and the public, the Rail, Tram and Bus Union said today.

The call comes after revelations politicians at NSW Parliament will have access to the tests.

Rail, Tram and Bus Union Secretary, Alex Claassens, said having additional safety measures in place to test for covid-19 is a simple matter of safety.

“We should be doing everything possible to keep workers and the community safe. Having Rapid Antigen Tests in place at workplaces is a common-sense approach to this pandemic,” Mr Claassens said.

“We’ve been calling for on-site testing for weeks. Some employers are moving ahead with testing because they can see the obvious benefits, but regular testing of workers has been removed from the Public Health Order which leaves wriggle room for other employers.

“Why the NSW Government would decide that testing is important for politicians but not for frontline transport workers beggars belief.

“We want everything possible done to keep people safe from covid-19.”

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