

Identification and management of outbreaks of **COVID-19** in care/residential homes

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If any residents (or staff) in the care home develop <u>any</u> of the following symptoms:



Fever of 37.8°C

or above





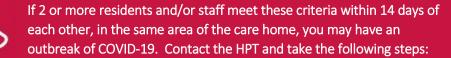
A new, continuous cough

Loss of sense of taste or smell











What the HPT will do:

- Work with care home staff to identify the cause of the outbreak
- Advise on infection prevention and control measures
- Arrange for swab kits to test ALL residents and staff in the care home (symptomatic or asymptomatic).

Ensure standard infection control measures are put in place immediately, including (but not limited to):

- Isolate any suspected/confirmed cases amongst residents for 14 days from symptom onset.
- Suspend visitor access to affected resident(s) for 14 days from symptom onset.
- Staff in contact with the resident should use appropriate PPE.
- Care home to ensure all staff, visitors and residents are aware of and practice good respiratory and hand hygiene.
- Ensure appropriate cleaning procedures are adhered to.
- If any staff members are symptomatic (temperature ≥37.8'C, a new, continuous cough or loss of sense of taste or smell) they should self- isolate at home for 10 days from symptom onset.
- Check the government website gov.uk/coronavirus for the latest guidance on admission and care of residents during Covid-19 incident in a care home, cleaning in non-healthcare settings, and staying at home guidance (for staff and visitors).
- If patient requires hospital transfer, please ensure receiving department and ambulance service are informed of outbreak.