

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



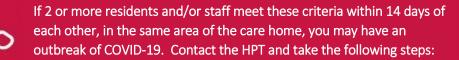


A new, continuous cough

Loss of sense of taste or smell



Contact the local PHE Health Protection Team (HPT) on 0113 386 0300, so a risk assessment can be undertaken, and diagnostic swabs sent out.







## 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.