

COVID-19 Testing for Symptomatic Residents of North Tyneside Nursing Homes

NEW outbreaks COVID-19 are reported to the Health Protection Team call **0300 303 8596** (option 1)

Resident has **ANY** of the following **symptoms**:

- fever $\geq 37.8^{\circ}\text{C}$
- new onset persistent cough (with or without sputum), hoarseness, nasal discharge or congestion, shortness of breath, sore throat, wheezing, sneezing
- new onset loss of smell or taste (anosmia) with or without headache.

Isolate resident in own room for **14 days**

YES

NO

COVID-19 Test NOT Suitable

Resident has had these symptoms for **LESS than 5 days**

NO

YES



Swabs are most accurately taken on **day 3 or 4** from onset of **symptoms**.
Testing is only available on **Mon, Wed and Fri**

Nursing home contact resident's GP to arrange swab kit request on ICE

GP practice prints off form and supply's with swab kits – placed in transport boxes

GP practice email Lss@northtyneside.gov.uk to arrange delivery to nursing homes

Nursing home staff take swab with **appropriate PPE** - Fluid resistant surgical mask, gloves, apron and goggles.

Nursing home staff affix labels to swabs

Nursing home staff gather swabs in transport box ready for collection

Call **Ben Curtis** on **0191 293 4334** for Courier booking **OR return to GP Practice**



Resident has given **consent** for swab to be taken in line with mental health capacity act 2005 and this is **recorded** on resident's records

Results from Lab provided to GP via ICE within 48 hours
GP advises nursing home of results

Negative Result

Treat clinical symptoms according to need

Assume infectious for 14 days from onset of symptoms

Positive Result

Treat clinical symptoms according to need

Assume infectious for 14 days from onset of symptoms

Avoid cross contamination risks with other residents:

Any residents that have had contact with symptomatic residents need to be isolated for **14 days** in line with DHSC guidance whether result positive or negative

Lab reports all **positive results** to PHE Health Protection Team

Nursing home inform family or next of kin of results according to resident's preferences