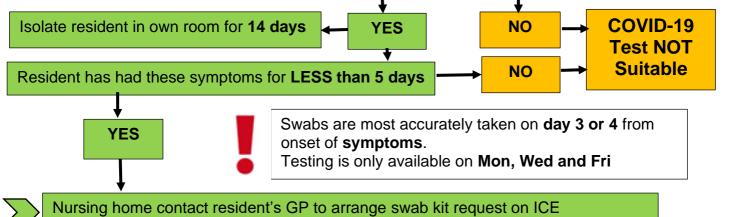
COVID-19 Testing for Symptomatic Residents of North Tyneside Nursing Homes

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 ≥37.8°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.



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