

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

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 anosmia with or without headache.

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

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**

Care homes contact resident's GP to arrange swab kit request on ICE

Forms printed off and supplied with swab kits – placed in transport boxes

Nursing Homes

GP practices email

Lss@northtyneside.gov.uk to arrange

delivery to Nursing Home

Nursing staff take swabs

Residential Care Homes

District Nurse collects

swab kit and forms

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

Swab taken with **appropriate PPE** - Fluid resistant surgical mask, gloves, apron and goggles.

Staff affix labels to swabs

Staff gather swabs in transport box ready for collection

Call **Ben Curtis on 0191 293 4334** for Courier booking **OR return to GP Practice** for courier collection if swabs have been taken by community nursing team

Results from Lab provided to GP via ICE within 48 hours

GP advises 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 positive results to PHE Health Protection Team

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