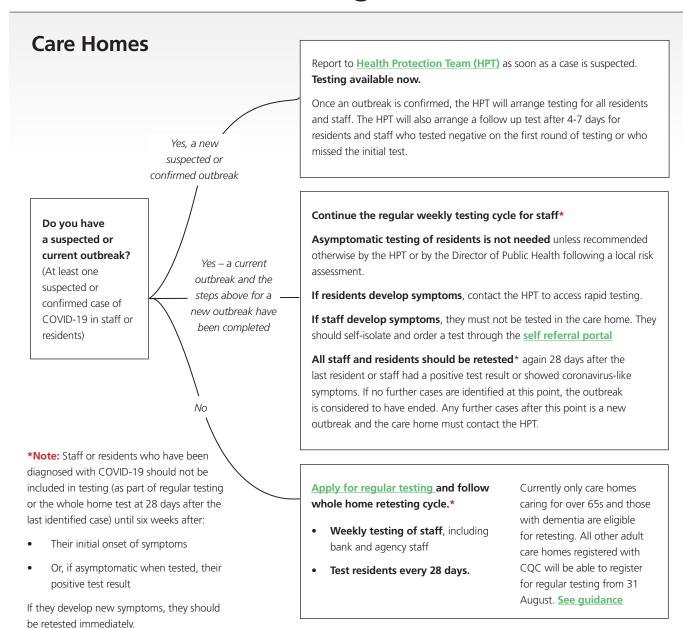




Coronavirus (COVID-19) tests available for adult social care in England



Report to Health Protection Team (HPT) / Directors of Public Health. They will undertake an initial risk assessment, provide advice on outbreak management and decide what testing is needed. We will roll out an initial round of testing for staff and residents in supported living and extra care settings which meet certain risk-based criteria. Local Directors of Public Health will determine which extra care and supported living settings meet the criteria.





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Anyone with symptoms can get tested for coronavirus by visiting www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test

Domiciliary care

Asymptomatic testing for domiciliary care workers (also known as home care workers) will be guided by the results from the PHE prevalence study into domiciliary care. This study found that COVID-19 prevalence among domiciliary care workers was similar to prevalence in the general population. We are currently reviewing the implications for asymptomatic testing in domiciliary care.

Testing for people being admitted to a care home

People being discharged from hospital to a care home are tested at hospital before discharge.

Testing for people being admitted to a care home from the community

People being admitted to a care home from the community should be tested prior to admission to a care home. Guidance setting out the process for this will follow shortly.

Other settings

Work is underway to support and enable Directors of Public Health to direct some testing locally to respond to local need. This may include further testing resource within Adult Social Care but the allocation of this testing will be determined by the local Director of Public Health. The National Testing Programme will update on progress shortly.

Antibody testing

Antibody testing will be rolled out to staff in phases across regions in England. This is has been piloted in areas including Greater Manchester. We will shortly set out how the NHS will support adult social care staff to access antibody testing.

Further advice for care homes

For more information and guidance on whole home testing visit: www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested#care-home

Read the <u>guidance on admission</u>, <u>isolation and</u> <u>testing of residents</u>. This guidance will continue to be updated regularly so check back every retest cycle.

If you have any issues with registration, delivery or collection of test kits, contact the Coronavirus Testing call centre on **0300 303 2713**. It is open from 07:00 to 23:00 every day.