

	Residents	Staff /Care Partners	Visitors
Without symptoms (asymptomatic)	Regular monthly PCR test - Pillar 2 LFD tests on return to the home in line with COVID-19 isolation guidance for care home residents www.pha.site/CareHomeGuidance	Regular weekly PCR test for staff and care partners (CP) – Pillar 2 AND an LFD test (done at the individual's home before shift/visit starts)	LFD test minimum twice weekly and before each visit (done in visitors' own home).
With symptoms (symptomatic)	Immediate PCR test Pillar 1 (do not use an LFD test)	Immediate PCR test Trust / local testing facility	Immediate PCR test local testing facility

***all LFD tests results (negative and positive) must be registered via <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>**

Scenario	COVID-19 Testing
Single COVID-19 positive case staff or care partner regardless of symptoms AND no positive cases in the 14 days before test date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk assessment by Health Protection Duty Room (HPDR) Unless advised by HPDR, whole home testing (WHT) is NOT required – monitor closely Continue with regular asymptomatic testing as above
One or more positive COVID-19 resident regardless of symptoms, without evidence of transmission in care home AND no positive cases in the last 14 days before test date Situation of interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole home testing (WHT) required immediately on day 0 and again between days 4-7 in Pillar 1 Recommence regular testing for residents in Pillar 2 after day 4-7 tests
Two or more positive cases in staff or CPs without obvious transmission links to the care home Situation of interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole home testing (WHT) required immediately on day 0 and again between days 4-7 in Pillar 1 Recommence regular testing for residents in Pillar 2 after day 4-7 tests

Testing guidance for an outbreak

Scenario	COVID-19 Testing
Two or more probable or confirmed COVID-19 cases in residents, staff or CPs (regardless of symptoms) with onset within 14 day period, where transmission within care home is considered likely	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole home testing (WHT) required immediately on day 0 and again between days 4-7 in Pillar 1 Recommence regular asymptomatic testing for residents, staff and CPs in Pillar 2 after day 4-7 tests. Staff should also continue with LFD testing before each shift.

Contact the Health Protection Duty Room on Tel: 0300 555 0119 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm).
For non-urgent communication only, email: PHA.DutyRoom@hscni.net
During evenings, weekends and bank/public holidays, you should contact the first on call Public Health Doctor via ambulance control.

- Any individual who tests positive for COVID-19 and remains asymptomatic, should not be tested for 90 days with a PCR test. Testing using LFDs can commence after 3 weeks. Contact HPDR if advice is required.
 - If a test is void/unclear or missing results within regular testing programme (Pillar 2) – unless the individual is symptomatic, retest on next care home regular testing day. In the interim, staff should continue with LFD tests before each shift.
 - Staff may continue to test during periods of leave but it is not required. A LFD test should be taken at home before first shift on return to work.
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- Please keep using the 119 service for help with regular testing: ordering, couriers, registration and test results.
 - Please keep sharing your comments and queries – email carehometesting@hscni.net
 - For more information go to: www.pha.site/CareHomeTesting