**Care home residents**

**Covid-19 Care Home Testing Routes: Flowchart for Care Homes** (V4 16.05.2020)

**Care home staff**

\*COVID-19 symptoms include a new continuous cough and/or high temperature (>37.8℃). However, symptoms may be more subtle in older people with co-morbidities in care homes who may present with Influenza Like Illness (ILI), shortness of breath, new onset confusion, reduced alertness, reduced mobility, or diarrhoea and sometimes do not develop fever. This may be true for COVID-19, so such changes should alert staff to the possibility of new COVID-19 infection.

Yes

No

Discuss with GCC Brokerage team.

Yes

**4. PHE HPT route**

Tel: 0300 303 8162 (Option 1, Option 1).

[swhpt@phe.gov.uk](mailto:swhpt@phe.gov.uk)

**Self refer through the** [**national portal**](https://www.gov.uk/apply-coronavirus-test-care-home) to have all staff and residents tested.

You can apply whether or not any of your residents or staff have coronavirus symptoms.

To apply, you need to be the care home manager who’s registered with the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

Please also inform GCC Brokerage if you are applying through this route for testing.

**Local testing route**

(pillar 1)

Referrals to: [COVID19AdminReferrals@ghc.nhs.uk](mailto:COVID19AdminReferrals@ghc.nhs.uk)

[National testing route self referral](https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/test-type)

(pillar 2)

Contact the local PHE [Health Protection Team (HPT)](https://www.gov.uk/health-protection-team) if:

- you suspect your care home has a new coronavirus outbreak

- it has been 28 days or longer since your last case and you have new cases

Your HPT will provide advice and arrange the first tests.

Yes, a newly

reported outbreak

Are they essential staff who are living in a household with someone who has symptoms of Covid-19?

No

Yes, an outbreak has previously been reported to PHE

**Reminder:** Covid-19 is a notifiable disease. Any positive test results should be called through to the local PHE Health Protection Team on tel: 0300 303 8162 (Option 1, Option 1)

No

Is there a suspected or confirmed Covid-19 outbreak?

Are they essential staff where impact of returning to work is significant?

Do they have symptoms of Covid-19? (Temperature and/or cough)