


# Standard Operating Procedure

<b>TITLE</b>	Management of Nursing Home and Residential Home COVID 19 Testing
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<b>RELATED SOPS</b>	

<b>PURPOSE</b>	This SOP is for the community management of swabbing nursing home and residential home residents displaying symptoms of COVID 19.
<b>SCOPE</b>	Residents displaying COVID 19 who reside within a nursing or residential home who require swabbing to test for COVID 19.
<b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>	Commissioning Manager for care home testing

<b>BACKGROUND</b>	<p>Adult social care takes on many different forms and helps people of all ages. We know that people receiving care are some of the most vulnerable people in our society with many of the residents living in nursing and residential care homes being over 85 years old and with many having long term conditions.</p> <p>Department of Health and social care released their COVID-19: Our Action Plan for Adult Social Care on the 15th April. The action plan sets out their approach for testing of COVID 19 for those people receiving adult social care, including residents of nursing and residential homes.</p> <p>For most people, COVID-19 is a mild illness from which they will fully recover. However we know that there are certain cohorts of people who are more likely to be seriously impacted by COVID-19 disease. Age being a significant factor, with older people at risk of serious COVID-19 disease.</p> <p>Initially testing was done on the first five symptomatic residents in a care home setting with an outbreak. The new guidance has confirmed that testing should move to all symptomatic residents in care homes being tested.</p>
<b>REFERRAL CRITERIA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temperature of over 37.8 and/or</li> <li>• A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours.</li> </ul>

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<b>PROCEDURE</b>	<p>Nursing and residential homes are asked to contact Arley Medical Services (AMS) directly to arrange swabbing of residents displaying symptoms of COVID 19.</p> <p>Nursing and residential homes can contact Arley either by telephone or via email.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Telephone: 01676 292 998</li><li>• email: <a href="mailto:Arley.mc@nhs.net">Arley.mc@nhs.net</a></li></ul> <p>Care homes should have to hand the resident's full legal name, date of birth, NHS number and GP details. If emailing, include the name of the care home in the subject title.</p> <p>If this is the first outbreak of COVID within the home, care homes are advised to contact Public Health England (PHE) by telephone to advise them of a COVID 19 outbreak and receive PHE log number. Telephone 0344 225 3560 option 0, then option 2.</p> <p>Following the new guidance and where AMS has previously visited and swabbed residents, confirming a COVID 19 positive outbreak within the care home. AMS can be requested to revisit and swab further symptomatic residents directly by the care home.</p> <p>AMS will arrange to visit the home within 48 hours of receipt of the referral.</p>
<b>Arley Referral Form</b>	 <p>Referral form v3.pdf</p>
<b>Results</b>	<p>All swabs from care homes are currently being sent to University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire (UHCW).</p> <p>It is taking on average 3 days from swab to result, but occasionally this is taking longer.</p> <p>AMS are contacting the Pathology Laboratory daily for the results and will phone the Care home with the results as soon as they are available.</p> <p>Care Homes are asked not to call AMS for results unless urgent.</p> <p>GP's are being sent the results daily by Pathology via an automated report.</p> <p>System Care Home Leads and the IPC team will receive a report daily of all care homes that have requested swabbing to ensure that they are</p>

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	appropriately supported.
<b>Questions</b>	<p>Any queries or questions regarding the provision of the care testing can be direct to;</p> <p>Natasha Lloyd-Lucas, Commissioning Manager <a href="mailto:Natasha.lloyd-lucas@southwarwickshireccg.nhs.uk">Natasha.lloyd-lucas@southwarwickshireccg.nhs.uk</a></p>