

Please note this page is currently being updated.

General guidance

- Updated Care Home COVID-19 Isolation Guidance for Northern Ireland can be found [here](#).
- Infection Prevention and Control Measures for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) in Health and Care Settings can be found [here](#).
- Guidance for General Dental Practitioners can be found [here](#).
- Guidance for Homeless Providers in Northern Ireland can be found [here](#).
- Guidance for Domiciliary Care Providers can be found [here](#).
- Guidance for Adoption Services can be found [here](#).
- Guidance on visiting hospitals and care settings can be found [here](#).
- Standard operating procedure (SOP) for Health and Social Care staff car sharing for essential practice can be found [here](#).
- Guidance for Nursing and Residential Care Homes can be found [here](#).
- Regional nutrition guidance for care home residents with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 can be found [here](#).
- Advice for staff in care homes on eating, drinking and swallowing during COVID-19 can be found [here](#).
- Guidance for visiting in care settings in Northern Ireland can be found [here](#).
- Guidelines for bank and agency staff working in healthcare settings, including hospitals, community settings and care homes can be found [here](#).
- Advice for care home staff to help communication with clients during the pandemic can be found [here](#).
- Guidance for carers and care home staff on the wide range of symptoms which can be associated with COVID-19 can be found [here](#).
- Care home information leaflets are available on [care partners](#) and [visiting](#) . Information about care partners is available in a video on [Vimeo](#) and [YouTube](#). Care partner testing guidance is available [here](#).
- Key principles for HSC Trust staff visiting community settings can be found [here](#).

- A flowchart describing the return to work for symptomatic workers following a test for COVID-19 is available [here](#).
- A flowchart describing the return to work for an asymptomatic worker following a test for COVID-19 is available [here](#).
- A learning letter for care homes and day care settings is available [here](#).
- A poster designed to remind staff in care homes of the need to continue following precautions against spreading COVID-19, even after they have been vaccinated, is available [here](#).
- Guidance for HSC staff visiting educational settings is available [here](#).
- Guidance for supported living providers is available [here](#).

Verification of life extinct in nursing or residential care homes

The Chief Nursing Officer and Chief Medical Officer recently requested assistance with expanding the role of verification of life extinct by nurses. In support of this, the PHA have produced a series of 'Frequently asked questions' and a draft 'Verification of Life Extinct (VLE) in a Nursing or Residential Care Home Policy' to enable care home providers to produce their own policy

- You can download these documents [here](#).

Swabbing for COVID-19

- Guidance on swabbing for COVID-19 in care homes and supported living centres is available [here](#).

This video provides guidance for professionals who need to perform a swab test to COVID-19.

Bereavement resources

Guidance has been produced to support HSC and care home staff in dealing with grief and bereavement during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- A guide for care homes to supporting staff, residents and their families is available [here](#).
- Advice for staff who have experienced the death of a colleague is available [here](#).
- Bereavement resources for the general public are available [here](#).

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