

## **COVID-19: Testing for homecare workers – Updated 18th March**

The guidance has been updated to reflect the addition of PAs to testing. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19: Shielding advice for the clinically extremely vulnerable to stop from April – Press Release 18th March**

The government have advised that from 1st April those people classed as clinically extremely vulnerable will no longer be required to shield. For more information [click here](#).

## **NHS and social care funding – Statement 18th March**

A statement by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care announced that adult social care funding will increase by £341 million to support with the cost of infection control and testing. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19: Containing and managing local coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreaks – Updated 18th March**

The guidance has been updated following the publication of the government's roadmap; making clear national and local roles and responsibilities. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19: NHS test and trace: what to do if you are contacted – Updated 18th March**

This guidance has been updated to include information about the free medicines delivery service for people who are self-isolating. For more information [click here](#).

## **Homecare – Care workers are not entitled to minimum wage for sleep in shifts, rules Supreme Court – Published 19th March**

The Supreme Court has ruled in favour of Mencap and dismissed an appeal to pay national minimum wages to care workers doing sleep-in shifts. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19: Managed quarantine: what to expect – Updated 19th March**

This guidance has been updated to clarify quarantine time periods if you test positive for COVID-19. For more information [click here](#).

## **Skills for Care – Wellbeing Resources – March 2021**

Skills for Care have released a selection of new wellbeing resources. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19: Personal Protective Equipment: local contacts for providers – Updated 22nd March**

Several local authority lists have been updated to include 'extra-resident unpaid carers' and 'education (and childcare) services'. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19: Test and Trace Support Payment Scheme: claiming financial support – Updated 22nd March**

This guidance has been updated to reflect that you can claim up to 42 days after the first day of your self-isolation period. The scheme has also been extended to parents and guardians who need to take time off work to care for a child who is self-isolating. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19: Coronavirus Act One Year Report: March 2021 – Updated 22nd March**

This report documents the powers in the Coronavirus Act which are still active. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19: Vaccination Programme Communication Toolkit – Published 22nd March**

The Department of Health and Social Care have published a communication toolkit which is a summary of resources available online around the COVID-19 vaccine and would be beneficial to share with staff. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19: Admissions and care of people in care homes – Updated 23rd March**

The PDF version of the guidance has been removed. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19: Testing for adult social care settings– Updated 24th March**

This page collates all testing guidance available for testing staff, services users and visitors for all adult social care settings. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19: Testing in adult care homes – Updated 24th March**

This page collates all testing guidance available for testing staff, services users and visitors in adult care homes. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19: PPE Portal - how to order COVID-19 personal protective equipment – Updated 24th March**

This guidance has been updated on visor order limits. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19: Getting Tested – Updated 24th March**

This guidance has been updated to include links to the new pages on testing in adult care homes and adult social care settings. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19: Making a support bubble with another household – Updated 24th March**

This guidance has been updated to clarify the rules on the eligibility for support bubbles providing care and support and advice on self-isolation. For more information [click here](#).

## **CQC: Update on CQC's Regulatory Approach – Updated 24th March**

The CQC have provided a statement on their new regulatory approach and changes that will come into effect from April 2021. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19: NHS Test and Trace in the Workplace – Updated 25th March**

The section regarding action cards has been updated. For more information [click here](#).

## **Policy Updates**

- All coronavirus policies and Resource Centre documents continue to be reviewed and updated in light of these government updates
- A new poster on 'Visiting Professionals Testing Requirements' is available on the Resource Centre providing actions for staff to take
- A staff guidance document 'Having the COVID-19 Vaccine - Staff Guide' is available in the Resource Centre