Care Home SYMPTOMATIC TESTING process map

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If result is POSITIVE
In line with Track Trace & Protect requirements, care home staff who will have been identified as a close contact by TTP will need to self-isolate as per advice to members of the public.

If the test remains positive then the usual actions continue (self-isolation for 10 days for the staff member, close contacts are asked to self-isolate as per guidance, whole-home testing of staff and residents, and the home closes to new admissions and visitors for 20 days unless advised otherwise by the Incident Management Team based on a robust risk assessment)

If the repeat test is negative in an asymptomatic staff member, it is assumed that there was no Covid-19 and no additional restrictions will be placed on the care home.

A setting will be considered to have an outbreak when there are two or more individuals (staff or residents) who test positive for COVID-19 within a 14 day period and who have been in the setting within the 14 days prior to the onset of symptoms or the date of the test if asymptomatic.
Care Home ASYMPTOMATIC TESTING process map for areas where incidents are low

Where COVID-19 incidence is high and guided by the IMT, a positive screen test in a staff member is assumed to be a true positive and the process will follow the symptomatic testing route.

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Outbreak in a CARE HOME

- Care Home advise relatives & visitors of Covid–19 incident
- Home visits, including outdoor visits cease unless advised otherwise by the Incident Management Team
- Contact between residents minimised, e.g. postpone social events
- Residents not to leave home unless essential e.g. hospital visit
- Visits by close relatives at the end of life should be supported. Relatives should use PPE

- Care home displays signs to inform outbreak and infection control measure
- Essential visits e.g. as per guidance healthcare staff can continue to visit but must use PPE
- Care home considers providing accommodation for staff who choose to stay separate from their families

- Notification of Communicable Disease. Care Home contacts Local Authority (Environmental Health Officer) and Public Health Wales
- Local Authority (Environmental Health Officer) contacts Health Board
- Health Board to arrange whole care home testing via Welsh Labs
- Resident to be tested in Care Home. To be arranged by local health board
- Health Board email resident result to Care Home Manager
- Staff to be tested via Community Testing Unit
- Public Health Wales Informatics text staff result

The outbreak will be declared over once no new cases have occurred in the 20 days since the onset of symptoms in the most recent case, which is twice the incubation period. You will be advised by Public Health Wales or your Local Environmental Health Team when an outbreak has ended.