

Dear All

We have had NO positive tests from last week's PCA tests

This week, staff testing will be LFT twice a week - 3 – 4 days apart.
There will be **NO** PCR testing.

If you test positive on your LFT you will need to repeat the test 48 hours later

If Negative – return to work

If Positive – test on day 5 and 6 and if negative return to work

Residents will only test if they have symptoms.

Visitors do not need to do LFT prior to visit.

Visitors are advised to stay away from the home if they have any symptoms

If the visitor is an **essential caregiver** and attends once or twice a week, they should only test on that day. If they visit more than twice a week, they should test a maximum of twice weekly, 3 to 4 days apart.

Proof of negative result can be sent by email or text to report the result, a date stamped photo of the test cartridge, or any other proof.

Visits will take place in the rooms or outdoor spaces. Visitors need to take all usual precautions to prevent infection during visits (including PPE use, hand washing, maximising ventilation)

End-of-life visiting should always be supported, and testing is not required in any circumstances for an end-of-life visit.

The only restriction on visiting now is if the resident is positive, it will be **ONLY** an essential caregiver that can visit that resident.

Visits are still by appointment (**to be booked in advance – not on the day**) for the time being.

Residents do not need to do LFT before going out or when they come back. They are allowed to visit high risk areas with no isolation or test when they return.

They will need to do a LFT prior to a hospital appointment.