

# COVID-19 Testing for Care Home Staff and Residents

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## 1. Routine Testing

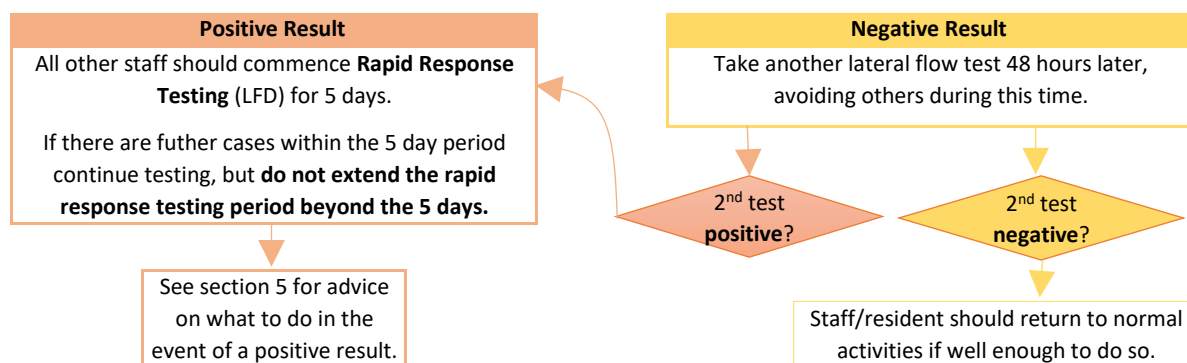


As of 31 August 2022, routine asymptomatic testing for COVID-19 is **no longer required** for care home staff or residents.

## 2. Symptomatic Testing



Staff or residents that have symptoms of a respiratory infection and have a high temperature **OR** who have symptoms of a respiratory infection and are too unwell to carry out their usual activities should take a **lateral flow test as soon as they feel unwell** (Day 0).

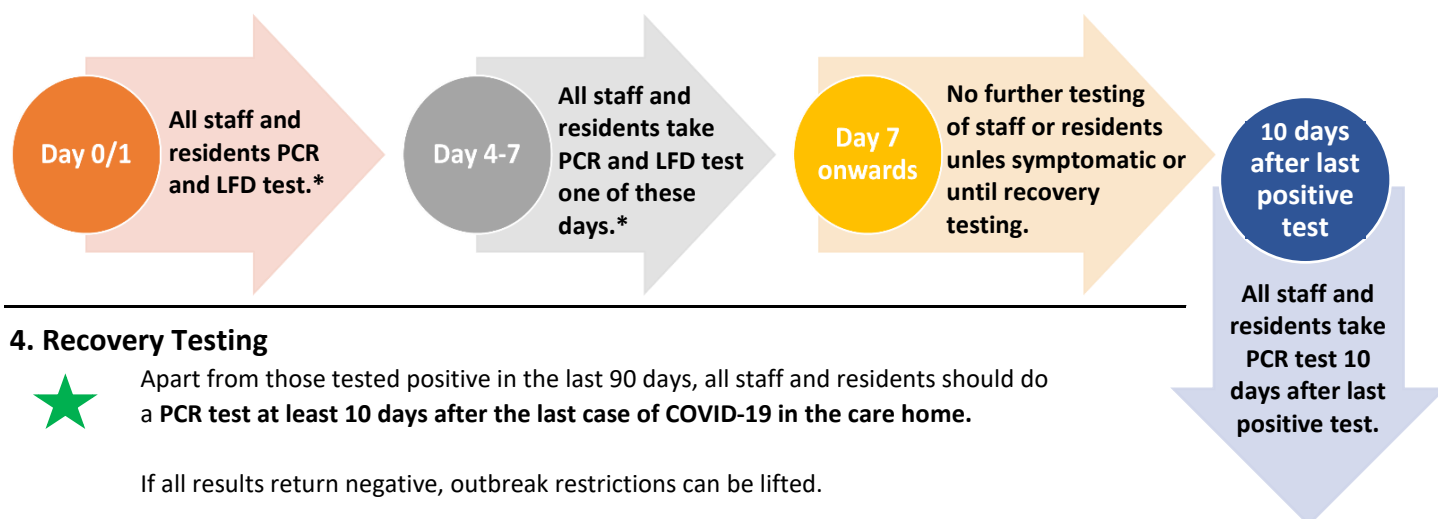


## 3. Outbreak Testing



If two or more positive or suspected linked cases of COVID-19 occur in the same setting within a 14-day period, the home is then considered to be in outbreak and outbreak testing begins.

*\*PCR tests should only be taken by staff or residents that have not tested positive within the last 90 days.*



## 4. Recovery Testing



Apart from those tested positive in the last 90 days, all staff and residents should do a **PCR test at least 10 days after the last case of COVID-19 in the care home.**

If all results return negative, outbreak restrictions can be lifted.

## 5. What to do in the event of a positive result?

