

Accessing COVID-19 treatments for eligible care home residents

From 1st May 2025 the guidance for who is eligible for treatment following a positive COVID test has changed. The guidance is much more specific and NO LONGER includes all people aged over 70 living in Care Homes. Please review the 'find out who is eligible' link below to understand these changes. The process for accessing LFD tests and therapeutic treatment for those eligible remains unchanged.

What you need to do:

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1. Understand who is eligible

Full guidance on eligibility can be found on the ICB website by scanning the QR code or visiting notts.icb.nhs.uk/covid-19-treatments-for-care-home-residents. You can also seek help from primary care and community care home teams if needed.

2. Get prepared with tests - locate your pharmacy

See which pharmacies are offering free lateral flow tests by visiting the ICB website or scan the QR code. We recommend ordering the tests in advance and keeping them ready for when residents present with symptoms.

3. Complete the LFD form for eligible residents and take to your pharmacy to collect the tests.

A digital copy of the form can be found by visiting the ICB website or scanning the QR code.

4. If a resident is eligible and symptomatic, complete a test

The test should be completed as quickly as possible. If there are 2 or more residents with respiratory symptoms irrespective of the LFD result, contact your community IPC team for further advice and guidance.

5. If the test is positive, refer to COVID Medicine Delivery Unit

If the test is negative but they continue to have symptoms, they should take another test on each of the next two days (three tests in total over three days).

The COVID Medicine Delivery Unit (CMDU) can be contacted on **01158 462 392** from Monday to Sunday between 08:00 - 16:00

If the CMDU is closed and you have concerns that can't wait until the following day, please contact 111.

If you have any queries, please contact the ICB Ageing Well team on nnicb-nn.ageingwell@nhs.net

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