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**COVID-19 update**

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**Attachments**

* Staff swabbing primary care request form

**How to request swabbing for COVID19 (for staff)**

The request form attached provides details of tests that will be carried out on a symptomatic relative / member of the household of the asymptomatic member of NHS staff who is self-isolating for 14 days. The person within the household displaying symptoms should be tested between days 1 to 3 of the start of symptoms, but no later than day five.

Symptoms are new continuous cough and temperature. Symptomatic members of staff will not be tested but should follow the stay at home advice returning to work after 7 days if clinically well enough to do so but must be apyrexial for 48 before returning. A cough may persist and staff can return if they feel well enough to do so. They must continue to wear PPE as per guidance.