**COVID-19 update**

**Information correct as of 3pm 18 May 2020**

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All information provided in the COVID-19 bulletin is hosted online at <https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/rss/home/infections-and-microbiology/covid-19/>

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Mental health and learning disabilities

[Update for Partners re TEWV COVID-19 Contingency Arrangements Week commencing 11th May 2020](https://voyrss.necsu.nhs.uk/partner-update-nyy-wc-11th-may-20.pdf) only available via N3 connection

SARC support services

[Sexual Assault Referral Services - information poster for support services](https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/seecmsfile/?id=3920)

Vaccine

[Vaccine ordering for 2020-21 influenza season: letter](https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/vaccine-ordering-for-2020-21-influenza-season-letters/)

**Central Alerting System: Covid-19 General Case Definition Change**

Practices should have received the above alert today.  In case this has not made its way through here are the details.

From today the general clinical case definition for COVID-19 has been updated to include loss of or change in smell or taste. It is now:

* New continuous cough OR fever OR loss of/ change in smell or taste

Everyone, including health and social care workers, should self-isolate if they develop a new continuous cough or fever or loss of/ change in smell or taste. The individual’s household should also self-isolate for 14 days as per the current guidelines and the individual should stay at home for 7 days, or longer if they still have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell or taste.