

Dear Care and Support Provider,

Care and Support Provider Update: 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Please find below information from the DHSC in relation to care homes registering for routine testing. Please note this is for care homes for over 65's and people with dementia. To find out more about the introduction of routine testing, please click on the 'find out more about regular testing' link below.



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## Coronavirus Social care update

**Register now for regular testing of care home staff and residents**

- ✔ Regular retesting rolled out for care home staff and residents
- ➡ Care home staff will be tested weekly
- ➡ Residents will be tested every 28 days

STAY ALERT ➤ CONTROL THE VIRUS ➤ SAVE LIVES

From 6 July we are starting to roll out **weekly testing of staff and testing of residents every 28 days**, in all care homes without a current outbreak.

Care homes will need to **re-register** on the care home portal to apply for regular testing.

Applications for regular testing are now open for care homes caring for **the over-65s and those with dementia**.

[\*\*Register for regular testing here\*\*](#)

[\*\*Find out more about regular testing\*\*](#)

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This communication has been sent by the Care Quality Commission on behalf of the Department of Health and Social Care.