

Care/Nursing Home Patient has symptoms (day 1-5) of COVID-19  
(New, continuous cough +/- Fever >37.8)  
OR  
New Admission from Community



**WEEKENDS** – new requests should be reported the next working day to the GP Practice.

MONDAY to FRIDAY  
8am to 6pm

Contact GP

GP approves Covid-19 test

GP orders test on Order Comms & SCI Gateway

Care Home Test Coordination Base (CH/TCB)  
Admin staff prepare and label sample



Sample kit Delivered to Nursing Home (pre-labeled)

Testing Staff requested to visit Care Home

Nursing Home Staff collect sample from patient

Testing Staff visit Care Home & sample taken from patient

Sample transported to Care/Nursing Home Testing Collection Point



**Testing Kit Needed per patient**

- 1 x swab
- 1 x labelled combined viral nose and throat medium
- 1 x tongue depressor
- 1 x clear specimen bag

Sample to Lab



Result returns to GP workflow



GP Practice communicates results and advises any actions



**How the test is done**  
<https://www.hps.scot.nhs.uk/web-resources-container/covid-19-obtaining-an-upper-respiratory-tract-diagnostic-sample/>

**How to package samples**  
<https://www.hps.scot.nhs.uk/web-resources-container/covid-19-packaging-of-diagnostic-samples-for-onward-transportation/>