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**Subject:** Public Health Scotland guidance update - COVID-19 Guidance for Care Home Settings v1.7

Dear all,

Public Health Scotland has just published the updated [COVID-19 Information and Guidance for Care Home Settings](https://www.hps.scot.nhs.uk/web-resources-container/covid-19-information-and-guidance-for-care-home-settings/) version 1.7. This guidance is also available on SHPIR.

Changes made:

         Measures to prevent spread of COVID-19 and protect people at increased risk of severe illness: advice updated

         Spread of COVID-19 in care homes: information updated

         Providing care to residents during COVID-19 pandemic: advice updated and link to outbreak checklist added

         Shielding in care homes updated

         Admission of individuals to the care home: advice updated

         Testing in care homes: advice updated

         PPE: addition of extended use advice

         Minimise external staff: clinical staff advice updated

         Enabling staff to follow key measures described in this guidance to prevent viral spread: information updated of staff support funding

         Staff who have contact with a case of COVID-19 at work: advice updated

         Staff testing: screening logistics update

         Staff who have recovered from COVID-19: advice updated, including for asymptomatic PCR+ and significance for visiting

         Personal or work travel: minor amendment

         Visiting care homes: visiting advice updated

         Death certification during COVID-19 pandemic: updated

         Annex 1: non-healthcare setting additions update

         Appendix 1: HPT contact email addresses added

         Appendix 3: advice updated

Kind regards,

PHS COVID-19 Guidance Team