

Consultation for Resident in Social Care-Led Long Term Care Facility?



Know

- HPSC's *"Covid-19 Interim assessment, testing and outbreak guidance for residents in Residential Facilities and Long Term Care Facilities"* & Algorithm
- How the facility is implementing these guidelines
- Resident's Care Plan and medications
- Resident's normal health status
- Contact details for resident's GP or medical consultant

Monitor Resident for

- Fever, cough, shortness of breath, sputum production OR lethargy, confusion, loss of appetite, any unexplained change in normal status
- Signs like - Fast breathing, Facial expressions or body language or behaviours which may indicate distress, New confusion or increased confusion or agitation, Person feels hot or complains of chills
- Inability to perform usual activities
- Less common symptoms- sore throat, headache, nausea, diarrhoea, altered sense of smell or taste

Take Action

- Consult early with resident's GP if any of signs and symptoms or unsure
- Initiate isolation , PPE and other protocols as per HPSC guidance and algorithm
- If an emergency Call 999 or 112
- Keep in close contact with resident's family or independent advocate
- Contact independent advocacy or assisted decision making services if requested or as required
- Contact local Public Health, local CHO resources and notify HIQA if suspected or confirmed case of Covid-19