



COVID-19 Assessment, Testing Pathway and Return to Work of Symptomatic Healthcare Workers Version 13



SUSPECT CASE TESTING CRITERIA

A Healthcare Worker (HCW) with acute respiratory infection (sudden onset of at least one of the following: cough, fever, shortness of breath) **OR** sudden onset of anosmia¹, ageusia² or dysgeusia³ **AND** with no other aetiology that fully explains the clinical presentation **OR** other symptoms of Covid-19 that are less common and may affect some people—see '[Isolation Quick Guide](#)'

1 Loss of sense of smell; **2** Loss of sense of taste; **3** Distortion of sense of taste

A HCW with any acute respiratory illness **AND** having been in contact with a confirmed or probable COVID-19 case in the last 14 days prior to symptom onset;

Arrange testing via GP or the [online portal](#)

Test for COVID-19

COVID-19 Detected

COVID-19 Not Detected

No history of contact with Covid-19 case
Can return to work 48 hours after symptoms resolve

- Return to work **once you've completed 7 days isolation** if symptoms have substantially or fully resolved for the final two of those 7 days.
- **Requires negative** antigen test on day 8 or at the start of the shift.
- Remain out of work for full 10 days if day 8 antigen positive **or** if symptoms have not substantially or fully resolved for the final two of the 7 days.

- Must be symptom free for 48 hours prior to return to work
- If already undergoing monitoring as known household Close Contact**
- Arrange testing in line with Public Health Guidance. See [Quick Guide](#)
- If HCW Returning from travel:**
- Test as required by [Government guidelines](#).

Symptomatic HCW -Case Testing Criteria **Not Met**

HCW must self-isolate until 48 hours symptom free. May then return to work—self-monitor for symptoms.