

## Weekly Health Protection Bulletin

Week commence 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

**Reminder** to all care home managers, call HPT with any staff or residents who are being COVID 19 tested, whether symptomatic or not.

**Reminder** to advise all staff **DO NOT ATTEND WORK** if have any low grade extended symptoms for example:- headache, runny nose, sinus symptoms, vomiting or diarrhoea, general cold symptoms, sore throat, generally feeling unwell, (off colour) raised temperature. Unfortunately we are still having staff turn up to work then test POSITIVE to Covid 19.

**Local guidance from health Protection** - some questions recently from care home managers, regarding staff who work in care homes and want to **take on a second job** for example pubs, restaurants, retail, hospital and university placements.

The care home managers have to ensure that the second work environment has excellent mitigating factors in place, such as hand hygiene, mask wearing, and policing social distancing. The care home manager also has to be assured the individual will follow the guidelines, pertinent to that setting.

Ultimately the provider, care home manager and the individual have the responsibility to make this decision. The care home managers need to have robust individual risk assessment in place for that individual. Making sure communication is maintained and if a situation is evolving, such as a positive case within the 2<sup>nd</sup> work place that staff are following the control measures in place to reduce transmission to the care home setting.

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