

Weekly Health Protection Team Bulletin

Week commencing 17th May 2021

Click here for latest Scot Gov publication - [Open with Care Additional advice and guidance: activities and outings away from the care home](#) 17th May 2021.

Key points:

- Residents do not need to isolate when returning from day visits or overnight visits at (level 2)
- At the moment there is no change to isolation guidance following hospital admission– this is still 14 days.
- Outside the care home, residents are generally subject to the same covid regulations around meeting people indoors/outdoors in public spaces or private houses as the general population. Remember [FACTS](#) and encourage residents and their visitors to follow this when out and about.
- (6 people from 3 households can meet inside – resident is one household)
- (8 people from 8 households can meet outside – resident is one household)-
- Vaccination is not mandatory to support outings of relative or resident
- Anyone planning to meet up may recommend family lateral flow test prior to resident visit or overnight stay.
- HPT would recommend you keep a record of all resident's overnight stays or outings within their care plans.
- As ever Health Protection is here to assist and support you, but possibly as the Manager you are able to have a look at the guidance, it may answer your query and save you waiting for Health Protection to get back in touch with you.

Lateral Flow Device (NSS) Testing Survey – Social Care Staff: As you may be aware, NSS have created a survey in order to understand the experiences of LFD testing within social care settings. Details and a link to the survey can be found here: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): social care testing guidance - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#)

New IPC manual for Community Infection control – Publication expected on Monday. It is anticipated providers can attend webinars from 25/5/21 to 15/6/21.

Uptake of staff surveillance testing – We have recently seen a dip in the uptake of both LFD and PCR testing. Please encourage staff to undertake these.

Handwashing policy - Reminder handwashing policy bare from the elbows down and plain finger band only.

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