

COVID-19 NEWSLETTER

NEWS, GUIDANCE & TIPS FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE PROVIDERS IN TORBAY

Repeat testing for someone with a positive result

Public Health England advise that someone can test positive for up to six weeks following an episode of Covid-19. Therefore it is sensible not to include someone who has tested positive in the repeat testing programme for six weeks after their first test *as long as they have no new onset symptoms*.

Product Alert

Face Shield (Latex) – Miers, Product Code W10004731

We have been made aware that the strap on these Face Shields contain latex. Please dispose locally of any Miers face shields that you do not wish to use.



Isolation Period extended

The self-isolation period has been extended to 10 days for those in the community who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or a positive test result. [Please click here for more information.](#)

PHE Flowcharts: Asymptomatic and symptomatic workers return to work

[Please click here to view the process for asymptomatic workers returning to work](#)

[Please click here to view the process for symptomatic workers returning to work](#)

Illustrative guide to PPE in health and social care settings

This resource outlines personal protective equipment (PPE) advice for health and social care workers working in the community. Guidance should be used in conjunction with local policies. [Please click here to access the guidance.](#)

Staff Support & Wellbeing

- **The Torbay and South Devon COVID-19 Emotional Wellbeing Helpline:** listening and signposting service for relatives affected by COVID-19 and health or care colleagues seeking support in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Call 01803 217433 or use the online form which can be found at www.healthwatchtorbay.org.uk
- **Mind:** If you're finding things hard emotionally right now, you're not alone, www.mind.org.uk can provide information and support to help you.
- **Healthwatch:** Visit www.healthwatchtorbay.org.uk to find out more about local mental health services for issues such as anxiety, stress, depression and bereavement.