

## **Abbey Care Covid-19 Statement**

We are following and implementing all advice and guidelines provided by the UK Government, UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), CQC, UKHCA, National Health Service (NHS) and Health and Safety Executive (HSE). We are regularly monitoring the situation and are continually communicating with our team to provide updates and advice on policies and procedures as new information becomes available.

We are working hard to maintain a Covid-free Abbey Care community. We would be grateful in return, that if any Clients or household members display any of the symptoms of the virus, such as a new continuous cough, a high temperature or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste, that you immediately inform us so that appropriate action can be taken. If any of our staff display any symptoms of Covid they do not work until they receive negative lateral flow test on two consecutive days with a minimum of 6 days off work, as long as they are well again. All our staff have received the initial vaccinations.

All our staff take twice weekly lateral flow testing for Covid-19.

When we provide personal care which requires the care worker to be in direct contact with the Client, or a Client has Covid-19, staff will wear aprons and gloves. The care workers will wear face masks for every care visit, regardless of the care provided. Eye protection will be worn for the care of some clients where there is a risk of droplets or secretions from the client's mouth, nose or lungs or from body fluids reaching the eyes.

Hand hygiene will be performed immediately before and at the end of every episode of care and after any activity or contact that potentially results in the care workers hands becoming contaminated.