

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK CONTROL: INITIAL INFORMATION FOR PROVIDER ORGANISATIONS

Hello,

As you will know, the NHS Test and Trace programme is now underway to prevent the spread of coronavirus as restrictions are eased.

We are aware that some population groups might be at increased risk of infection and transmission, especially when living in accommodation with shared facilities.

Bradford Council are working with Public Health England to develop a response across the District, to ensure all groups have access to test and trace, and that we can minimise infections, and detect possible outbreaks as soon as possible.

Partner organisations such as yours are being asked to support this response where possible in several ways;

1. **Continue to maintain and promote infection, prevention control principles with your clients**, including the recommended social distancing, hand hygiene, respiratory hygiene (catching sneezes/coughs) and use of face masks in certain situations: Further guidance is available at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>. Please choose the most appropriate guidance for your setting and check regularly for updates. Producing a risk assessment for your environment is advised. The attached PPE guidance has been produced by Bevan Healthcare and is for organisations that work with rough sleepers.
2. **Become familiar with access routes into test and trace, and what you may need to do to help isolate a resident** if any of your residents report symptoms of coronavirus. If anyone displays symptoms of coronavirus they should be advised to isolate from others, and to get tested as soon as possible. Further information on how to book a test or order a test kit is available here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-an-antigen-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/> We will be sending further information about local testing options in Bradford shortly- including options for vulnerable groups that may face barriers in accessing the standard testing. **A walk in centre in Centenary Square is now open for people with coronavirus symptoms to get tested.** Booking is not necessary but face masks must be worn. Please bring ID and please do not use public transport on the way to or from the test centre.
3. **Report any concerns over potential clusters or outbreaks of coronavirus** with the Yorkshire and Humber Health Protection team at **Public Health England** on **0113 3860300** as soon as possible. Please also email the Local Authority to report outbreaks on HPTBradford@bradford.gov.uk An outbreak is defined as two or more people from the same setting with confirmed coronavirus within a two week period.
4. **If there is an outbreak of coronavirus in a residential setting or community, it is essential to work together quickly to prevent further spread.** In these situations, we may require your support in managing the

outbreak. Public Health England and Bradford Council will advise what measures need to be taken. Occasionally we may request your support in contact tracing, but guidance will be provided for this.

For non-urgent queries regarding this information please contact Michael.horsley@bradford.gov.uk

Thank you for taking the time to read this information.