



Winter Preparedness – care home

Infection Prevention and Control Service

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What does this mean to you?



Simple Steps to take





Vaccination

IPC fundamentals

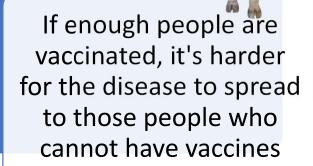
Keeping well

Antivirals and eligibility for COVID-19 treatment

Prompt identification of outbreaks

Vaccination

Help to protect you, your family and the people you care for Help to stop diseases spreading to people who cannot have vaccines, such as babies too young to be vaccinated and those who are too ill to be vaccinated



Keeping well







Keeping warm and keeping areas well ventilated



Staying away if unwell- staff, visitors and residents



Keep well hydrated

IPC fundamentals



Hand Hygiene Cough etiquette

Cleaning

PPE

Standard IPC precautions

Transmission based precautions

NHS England » National infection prevention and control manual (NIPCM) for England

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Antivirals and eligibility for COVID-19 treatment

- Maintain a central record of all residents' vaccination status and latest kidney function test to support antiviral prescribing in the event of an influenza outbreak
- People who are at higher risk of severe outcomes from COVID-19 may be eligible for COVID-19 treatments if they become unwell. https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/covid-19/treatments-for-covid-19/

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Prompt identification of outbreaks/single cases

- Ensure availability of LFT kits
- Recognise the symptoms of ARI/ILI, Norovirus
- 2 cases linked to time and place suspect outbreak
- If an outbreak is suspected, you should contact the Community Infection Prevention and Control Team in hours (Monday to Friday 9-5pm) via 0151 604 7750 / ipc.wirralct@nhs.net or UKHSA Health Protection Team out of hours via 03442250562
- Initiate outbreak control measures
- IPCS communicating the latest guidance of management of ARI (available online now)





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Free IPC training on the IPC digital hub



TOPICS OFFERED INCLUDE

- Urinary Tract Infection To Dip Or Not To Dip
- o IPC Bitesize Training
- IPC Standard Precautions

