

General guidance

- **Autumn/winter 2023/24 vaccine programme - Home Manager Checklist:** can be found [here](#).
- Care Home Guidance for Vaccination During an Outbreak can be found [here](#).
- Infection Prevention and Control measures for respiratory illness (including SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19) can be found [here](#).
- Guidance for General Dental Practitioners can be found [here](#).
- Guidance for Homeless Providers in Northern Ireland can be found [here](#).
- Guidance for Domiciliary Care Providers can be found [here](#).
- Guidance for Adoption Services can be found [here](#).
- Guidance for Nursing and Residential Care Homes can be found [here](#).
- Regional nutrition guidance for care home residents with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 can be found [here](#).
- Advice for staff in care homes on eating, drinking and swallowing during COVID-19 can be found [here](#).
- Guidance for visiting in care settings in Northern Ireland can be found [here](#).
- Advice for care home staff to help communication with clients during the pandemic can be found [here](#).
- Guidance for carers and care home staff on the wide range of symptoms which can be associated with COVID-19 can be found [here](#).
- Key principles for HSC Trust staff visiting community settings can be found [here](#).
- A poster designed to remind staff in care homes of the need to continue following precautions against spreading COVID-19, even after they have been vaccinated, is available [here](#).
- Guidance for HSC staff visiting educational settings is available [here](#).
- Guidance for supported living providers is available [here](#).

Verification of life extinct in nursing or residential care homes

The Chief Nursing Officer and Chief Medical Officer recently requested assistance with expanding the role of verification of life extinct by nurses. In support of this, the PHA have produced a series of 'Frequently asked questions' and a draft 'Verification of Life

Extinct (VLE) in a Nursing or Residential Care Home Policy' to enable care home providers to produce their own policy

- You can download these documents [here](#).

Swabbing for COVID-19

- Guidance on swabbing for COVID-19 in care homes and supported living centres is available [here](#).

This video provides guidance for professionals who need to perform a swab test to COVID-19.

Bereavement resources

Guidance has been produced to support HSC and care home staff in dealing with grief and bereavement during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- A guide for care homes to supporting staff, residents and their families is available [here](#).
- Advice for staff who have experienced the death of a colleague is available [here](#).
- Bereavement resources for the general public are available [here](#).



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