



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September

# Continued Covid-19 Measures for Herts Day Services

The webinar will begin shortly



# Update from Director Of Public Health

# Relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions

- Ted Maddex & Gemma Brace
- Adult Care Services

# Background

- Guidance for 'day opportunities' extends to lunch clubs, day centres, support groups, group activities, gardening groups and community outreach
- Commissioned services in Hertfordshire are required to continue precautions even though legal requirements have been lifted
- Providers must carry out a risk assessment for their service as a whole and for individual circumstances when these are considered to pose specific risks, and adhere to Health & Safety at work legislation. In some cases it is recognised that this may result in restrictions which exceed local or national guidance
- Wide variety in peoples attitudes to relaxing restrictions

# Testing

- Staff members in your service should be tested with one PCR test and two LFT tests per week. The first LFT test should be taken on the same day as the PCR. The second LFT should be taken in between weekly PCRs.
- People attending day services should be encouraged to test twice a week with LFT.
- If the person only attends twice a week, they should test on the two days they are attending.
- If the person attends only one day, they only need to test once per week, on the day they are attending.
- Please note that people should test at home, before they are attending your services and before using shared transport. Testing should not be carried on buses or outside of day services awaiting entry.

register at <https://request.onboarding.test.for.coronavirus.service.gov.uk/>

Using referral UON **99915258**

# Contacts

Fully vaccinated people who had contact with a Covid positive person:

To attend the service or to work, the contact must be fully vaccinated, have a negative PCR test, continue daily LFD testing, be symptom free, and the service should risk assess the individual circumstance to take a service specific decision. People attending day services should ideally be tested twice a week with LFT.

# Day Opportunities & Social Distancing

Since the beginning of the epidemic, we have recommended that day centres operate with 2m social distancing rules

From 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021, it has been agreed that day centres can reduce the social distancing to 1 metre **if they meet the following conditions:**

- over 90% of staff vaccinated or when there are less than 10 staff all **but 2 members** of staff vaccinated,
- regular testing is undertaken by staff
- Testing available to service users & promoted
- IPC measures are followed – including PPE, regular hand washing, mask wearing where appropriate.

# Transport

HCC Transport and Dial-A-Ride will move to 1 metre social distancing and:

- Infection prevention and control measures will remain
- Face coverings continue to be recommended for service users
- Regular twice weekly LFT testing for drivers, service users are recommended to do LFT twice weekly



# Q&A

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