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COVID-19\_OB\_Care Home\_GP letter2

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Dear Dr.

**Re: Outbreak of COVID-19**

**Name of care home**

The Health Protection Team (HPT) have been made aware that there is currently **at least one confirmed case** of COVID-19 at the above care home and several other residents/staff with similar symptoms.

We have advised the care home on appropriate infection prevention and control actions and asked them to remain vigilant for further cases.

I am sure you are already aware of the plethora of guidance for COVID-19. I have included links for some of the key guidance below.

If you need further advice about outbreak management within the home, please do not hesitate to call us.

If there are any deaths within the care home we would be grateful if you could consider whether COVID-19 could be a contributing factor and if so, please would you report the death to the national team by using the following Select Survey link <https://surveys.phe.org.uk/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=l4KL9531l#> (this should be used for any community deaths suspected or confirmed as COVID-19).

Please call us if you need any further advice -  
Tel: 0300 303 8162 Option 1, Option 1

Key guidance:

- PHE <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidance> including
  - PHE [COVID-19: guidance for primary care](#)
- NHS: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/>

**Please note that there is important NEW guidance on PPE and also on COVID-19 incidents in care homes (as of 2<sup>nd</sup> April)**

- COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-infection-prevention-and-control>
- Admission and Care of Residents during COVID-19 Incident in a Care Home  
[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/877797/covid-19-care-homes-guidance.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877797/covid-19-care-homes-guidance.pdf)

Yours sincerely,

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