

Checklist: Low and Medium Support Community Residences/Hostels

- The Service User understands the symptoms of COVID-19, how to self isolate and understands that they need to self isolate if they have symptoms of COVID-19.
- The Service User has a means to contact their GP and/or Family member if they have symptoms of COVID -19 and the contact details for the Service Users GP and Family members/carers are easily obtained.
- Families and carers are aware of the measures that are needed if someone in their house has COVID-19 or is a suspected case .i.e. they know how about social isolation.
- Staff are trained in the signs and symptoms of COVID -19, and advise them to stay home if they or any close family members develop symptoms and to follow HSE guidance.
- Visitor notices are visible advising about COVID -19, against visitors attending if symptomatic and of handwashing measures before, during and after visiting. Appropriate visitor restrictions are in place.
- Handwashing resources and hand sanitisers if available are at all entrances and at strategic points.
- Coughing / sneezing into tissue / elbow crook are advised. Ensure tissues, waste bins, are available at strategic points throughout the facility.
- Advise and encourage appropriate social distancing measures between other household members, other residents in the residence and staff where clinically appropriate.
- Ensure residences have the necessary resources if a resident is positive for COVID-19 i.e. appropriate procedures for handling of laundry, utensils and bathroom faculties. Extra bags for double bagging may be required.
- Cleaning staff are aware of what precautions to take if there is a suspected COVID-19 case within the Community Residence. Increase your cleaning regime or ask your building manager / cleaning supervisor to do so. Follow the cleaning regime recommendations in this guidance <https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/guidance/vulnerablegroupsguidance/Guidance%20for%20settings%20for%20vulnerable%20groups%20V2.pdf> and on <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/cleaning-disinfection.html>
- Prepare a facility preparedness plan that reflects *Infection* Prevention and Control (IPC) measures, contingency planning for outbreak management including isolation measures, cleaning procedures and staff training on precautionary measures <https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/guidance/>.
- Have a plan for dealing with persons who become ill with symptoms of COVID -19 <https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/guidance/>.
- Appoint designated staff to care for COVID -19 patients who has the details of the designated infection control personnel, public health and a medical officer within the Mental Health Services.
- All visitors to the Community Residence are recorded in a log book.