**COMMUNITY IDENTIFICATION OF A SUSPECTED COVID-19 CASE**

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| **Process (this covers patients who have not contacted NHS 111 and are assessed as not likely to do this)** |
| **Patient identified as meeting current clinical indicators: i.e.:****a. A new continuous cough*****OR*****b. High temperature (of 37.8 degrees centigrade or higher)****For the most up to date information on case definition access the** [**national investigation and management guidance**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-initial-investigation-of-possible-cases/investigation-and-initial-clinical-management-of-possible-cases-of-wuhan-novel-coronavirus-wn-cov-infection)**.****Home visit:** * **Advise the patient to isolate themselves in a room of their own with a closed door. Do not begin a consultation.**
* **Advise the patient to follow the** [**stay at home guidance**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection) **They should access NHS 111 online for advice if they have symptoms that cannot be managed at home or do not begin to feel better after 7 days.**
* **Clean your hands immediately. Inform line manager and follow advice from infection control.**
 | **Severe acute respiratory distress -** **phone 9-999/ or 9-0300 330 0295****Contact: LYPFT Infection Control: 0113 85 55957** |
| **Outpatient clinic:** * **Isolate the patient in a room away from others explaining the reason for this; Use PPE as described in the link at the top of this page. Ensure they are kept comfortable and hydrated. Ensure all staff are aware of the need for isolation.**
* **If physically unwell follow red box instruction.**
* **Advise the patient to return home and follow the** [**stay at home guidance**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection)  **They should access NHS 111 online for advice if they have symptoms that cannot be managed at home or do not begin to feel better after 7 days.**
* **Follow the decontamination advice via the link at the top of this page, and inform LYPFT Infection Control Team who will advise on further management.**
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**For services working out of hours: contact on call manager via switch board 0113 85 55000**