

CLINICAL AND OPERATIONS UPDATE



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We must remain vigilant and consider COVID19 in working differential diagnosis containing ANY of the symptoms below:

- **High temperature** – even feeling hot, no need to confirm temperature the ideation of feeling hot is enough.
- **A new continuous cough** - (coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three episodes of coughing in a day).
- **A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.**

Patients can self-refer for testing using the GOV.UK portal [here](#). Any age of patient can be tested. Patients who do not have access to the internet can call 119 to arrange testing.

Any patient concerned about a sick note for COVID19 symptoms can be directed to the Gov.uk website [here](#) to produce their own COVID19 isolation note for work purposes if guidance dictates they need to self or home isolate.

Also remember the documented management plan should very much include the provision of accurate self and home isolation advice in line with the latest government guidance [here](#).

We have access for staff and wider household testing 7 days a week, remember if you feel unwell do not attend work and contact one of us who will arrange testing for any member of your household how is symptomatic.