

How To Report A Suspected And/ Or Laboratory Confirmed COVID-19 Case – FAO Communal Accommodation Settings (Excluding Care Homes)

Are you providing accommodation for:

1. People who are homeless – (hostels and other)
2. People who are seeking asylum in Home Office accommodation, including Urban House hotels or other communal residential settings
3. People who are drug and/or alcohol dependent (in residential settings – including inpatient and residential)
4. People fleeing abuse and violence (refuges and other communal residential settings)
5. Supported accommodation for people with a range of needs e.g. young people, people with mental health support needs, people involved in the criminal justice system, people with drug and/ or alcohol dependence; people with learning disabilities etc;

North Yorkshire County Council published the [North Yorkshire Outbreak Control Plan](#) last month. The plan covers our approach to preventing and controlling outbreaks of COVID-19, including within communal accommodation settings.

Communal accommodation settings have the potential to be a 'high risk places' for a range of reasons, including the layout of the premises, the function of the premises, the transitional nature of allocation arrangements, as well as the specific vulnerabilities of individuals who live, and potentially work within them.

Reporting COVID-19 Cases:

Communal accommodation settings are encouraged to report suspected and laboratory confirmed cases of COVID-19 through the Risk Notification Form (usual contractual reporting arrangement) to NYCC Health and Adult Services - socialservices.contractingunit@northyorks.gov.uk

The latest Risk Notification Form can be accessed at: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/safeguarding-vulnerable-adults>

Suspected Cases:

In addition to submitting the RNR as above please copy reports of **suspected cases to** nypublichealth@northyorks.gov.uk

Please encourage the symptomatic individual(s) to isolate for a minimum of 10 days (the rest of their household should isolate for 14 days) and access testing as soon as possible, and within 5 days of the onset of symptoms - <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/book-coronavirus-covid-19-test> or call 119. Support for isolation can be organised by calling 01609 780780.

Laboratory Confirmed Cases:

In addition to submitting the RNR as above please copy reports of **laboratory confirmed cases to** dph@northyorks.gov.uk and call the Public Health England **Health Protection Team** on 0113 386 0300/ Out of Hours: 0114 304 9843.