

Checklist to assess whether residential accommodation is suitable for home isolation for individuals undergoing diagnostic testing for COVID-19

Patient is considered by clinician to be well enough not to require admission to hospital with no significant co-morbidities or care needs (as per Covid – 19 Modified NEWS Score)	
There are no patient specific factors that are likely to compromise their ability to adhere to self-isolation requirements (for example substance dependence).	
Is the patient able to perform effective hand hygiene	
A working direct telephone link with the healthcare provider has been established for the full duration of the homecare period until the result becomes available.	
At least one working phone number (patient and other member(s) of the household) – check that these are working	
Patient has capacity to understand instructions and advice. For children or those who lack capacity, confirm that the parent, guardian or carer is capable of following and happy to abide by the requirements and recommendations	
Access to secondary care within a reasonable distance by road.	
If multi-occupancy accommodation, do other residents understand and accept the risk and can exposure of other residents be minimised sufficiently?	
Risk assessment made if occupants of the same dwelling are particularly vulnerable to infection, for example, those with a chronic illness, immunosuppression, pregnant, infants and those over 65 years	
Individual room to sleep in (single occupancy)	
Facilities for hand hygiene – soap and water, disposable paper towels	
Sufficient toileting facilities that the patient can have their own toilet OR it will be feasible that shared facilities can be adequately cleaned as per patient guidance between use.	
Sufficient cutlery, crockery and utensils to avoid sharing with other residents*	
Sufficient facemasks, alcohol hand rub, tissues, kitchen towel, waste disposal bags*	
Sufficient cleaning materials as per patient guidance provided*	
Area in which waste/laundry can be temporarily stored securely	
Support for getting groceries, prescriptions, and other personal needs.	
Written advice provided <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact details for designated medical contact provided • Advice for the patient about self-isolation requirements • Advice for other members of the household, if applicable 	
No indications that self-isolation at home is likely to be associated with an unacceptable level of public anxiety or compromise to the patients privacy and safety	

* enough supplies for 48 hours – as it is anticipated that laboratory test results should be available within this time frame.