Employers and businesses guidance

Common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)

If you have symptoms of coronavirus, you need to self-isolate for 7 days

If you live with someone who has symptoms, you need to self-isolate for 14 days from the day their symptoms started

Only use NHS 111 if your symptoms get worse or are no better after home isolation

Stop the spread of coronavirus

Wash your hands more often and for 20 seconds

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze and throw the tissue away straight away

Use soap and water or a hand sanitiser when you:

- Get home or into work
- Blow your nose, sneeze or cough
- Eat or handle food

Frequently clean and disinfect objects and surfaces that are touched regularly, using your standard cleaning products

Employees will need your support to adhere to the recommendation to stay at home to reduce the spread of coronavirus to others

Those who follow advice to stay at home will be eligible for statutory sick pay (SSP) from the first day of their absence from work

Employers should use their discretion concerning the need for medical evidence for certification for employees who are unwell. This will allow GPs to focus on their patients

If someone becomes unwell in the workplace with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, they should be sent home

Employees from defined vulnerable groups should be strongly advised and supported to stay at home and work from there if possible