

## Management Pathway for Service User with COVID-19 Infection

Service users who develop COVID-19 symptoms or test positive on lateral flow devices (LFD) OR polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test must be isolated. They can end their care in isolation early on day 7, provided that they have 2 consecutive negative LFD results taken on day 6 and day 7, 24 hours apart.

**Ending care in isolation early (on day 7) using LFD**

**Care in Isolation days are counted from the day after the swab was taken or initial symptoms.**

**Service users should isolate ideally in single rooms with en-suite facilities**

**To end isolation service user must be asymptomatic & undertake LFD Testing**

Day 6 LFD Test is negative

Day 6 LFD Test is positive

Continue isolation & take another LFD Test on Day 7.

The service user must isolate for 10 days.

Day 7 LFD Test is negative

The service user can end isolation if the LFD is negative & the service user is asymptomatic. Please also notify

[elft.infectioncontrol@nhs.net](mailto:elft.infectioncontrol@nhs.net)

All patients on a ward with a positive case or outbreak must have physical health assessment to identify those who are clinically vulnerable to infection if not already known. Manage patients as per the [guidance for identification and management of clinically vulnerable patients](#).