

Staged approach to visiting and communal activity in care homes



Stage readiness	Stage 1	Stage 2*	Stage 3*	Stage 4*
Visiting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Essential Visits (End of Life Care, Stress and Distress behaviours) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Garden Visits with 1 key/designated visitor appropriate social distancing Essential visits indoors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indoor visits of 1 key/designated visitor Garden visits with multiple visitors appropriate social distancing Essential visits as before 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Controlled visiting Resumption of communal life Garden visits with children appropriate social distancing Essential visiting as before
Communal activity	Avoidance of communal areas	<p>Residents use of outdoor areas in limited numbers in homes without an ongoing outbreak. Avoidance of communal areas</p> <p>Must be with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical distancing Staff wearing appropriate PPE Strict cleaning regimes Visitor wearing face covering or mask 	<p>Residents use of outdoor areas in limited numbers in homes without an ongoing outbreak. All residents use of communal areas in limited numbers in homes without an ongoing outbreak with full physical distancing and IPC.</p> <p>Must be with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical distancing Staff wearing appropriate PPE Strict cleaning regimes Visitor wearing face covering or mask 	<p>All residents use of indoor and outdoor communal areas in limited numbers in homes without an outbreak with full physical distancing and IPC.</p> <p>Must be with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical distancing Staff wearing appropriate PPE Strict cleaning regimes Visitor wearing face covering or mask
Setting	Homes with no outbreaks . Homes with a previous outbreak must be cleared by HPS/DPH – 28 days from last symptoms of any resident No visiting apart from essential visits in homes with an outbreak			
Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PPE Resident consent Choice of designated visitor Screening visitors Care Home risk assessment 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visiting protocol Scheduled visits IPC and cleaning protocols Leaflet for families and designated visitors 	

*Subject to review and ratification by scientific advisory committee