

COVID-19

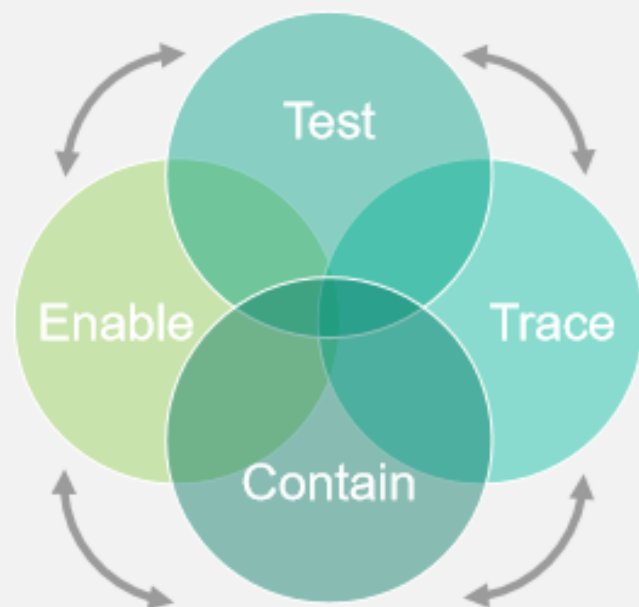
Local Outbreak Control Plans

Education & Early Year Settings



We will shortly be launching the Test & Trace service

An integrated and world-class Covid-19 Test and Trace service, designed to control the virus and enable people to live a safer and more normal life



Continuous data capture and information loop at each stage that flows through Joint Biosecurity Centre to recommend actions

Underpinned by a huge public engagement exercise to build trust and participation

Note: Test, Trace, Contain, Enable diagram is illustrative only

Test	Rapid testing, at scale, to control the virus and identify its spread
Trace	Integrated tracing to identify, alert and support those who need to self isolate
Contain	Using data to target approaches to flare ups, at a local and national level
Enable	Improving knowledge of the virus to inform decisions on social and economic restrictions

Local planning and response will be key to success

Local government has a significant role to play in the identification and management of infection



Improve speed of response

- Put local government at the centre of outbreak response
- Plan thoroughly to quickly deploy resources to the most critical areas



Build on local knowledge

- Led by Directors of Public Health, working with PHE local health protection teams and incorporating existing public health planning and statutory responsibilities
- Draw on expertise from across local government, incl. Gold command partners, Local Resilience Forums, NHS Integrated Care Systems and Mayoral Combined Authorities



Improve co-ordination

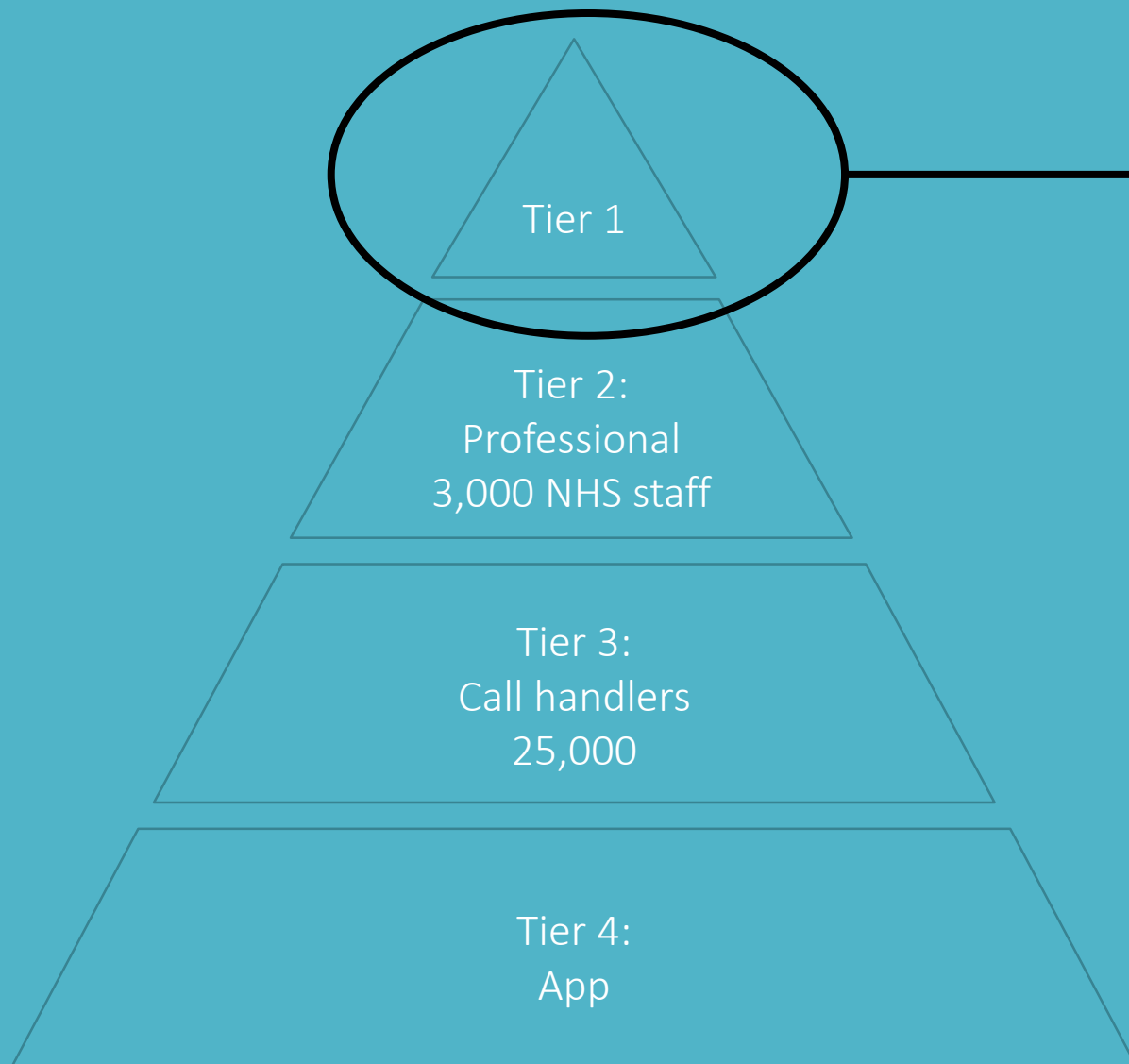
- Help to co-ordinate efforts between local and national governments, the NHS, private and community sectors and the general public
- Connect local and national policy via the Joint Biosecurity Centre (JBC)

£300m will be provided to local authorities in England to develop and action plans to reduce the spread of the virus



Components of 'test and trace' service

PHE



- Local Outbreak Control Plan relates to management of most complex incidents
- COVID-19 outbreaks in care homes, schools, early years settings, children's homes, workplaces, homeless hostels etc
- These will be escalated from tier 2 and also potentially identified through local surveillance and intelligence
- Functions may include: advice and practical support – e.g. PPE, staffing etc; supporting people to self-isolate, including use of COVID-19 regulations if necessary; emergency staffing capacity; testing; communications etc

Local Outbreak Control Plans will centre on 7 themes

1

Care homes and schools

Planning for local outbreaks in care homes and schools (e.g. defining monitoring arrangements, potential scenarios and planning the required response)

2

High risk places, locations and communities

Identifying and planning how to manage high risk places, locations and communities of interest (e.g. defining preventative measures and outbreak management strategies)

3

Local testing capacity

Identifying methods for local testing to ensure a swift response that is accessible to the entire population (e.g. defining how to prioritise and manage deployment, examples may include NHS, pop-up etc).

4

Contact tracing in complex settings

Assessing local and regional contact tracing capability in complex settings (e.g. identifying specific local complex communities, developing assumptions to estimate demand and options to scale capacity)

5

Data integration

Integrating national and local data and scenario planning through the Joint Biosecurity Centre Playbook (e.g., data management planning, including data security, NHS data linkages)

6

Vulnerable people

Supporting vulnerable local people to get help to self-isolate (e.g. facilitating NHS and local support, identifying relevant community groups etc) and ensuring services meet the needs of diverse communities

7

Local Boards

Establishing governance structures led by existing Covid-19 Health Protection Boards in conjunction with local NHS and supported by existing Gold command forums and a new member-led Board to communicate with the general public

Local Arrangements (Tier 1)



Delivered by the Council Health, Safety & Wellbeing Function with professional links to PHE Health Protection advice and support.



Will follow a standard operating procedure approach.



Local Outbreak Pathway



Triggers PHE notification of an outbreak by setting/local intelligence/testing information (likely to develop over time).



HSW Service will work with stakeholders in Education Services and Children and Families to support settings.



Establish professional links to assist settings with arrangements to manage outbreaks and to receive professional advice.



Work with setting leadership teams to gather any additional trace information that maybe required.



Dedicated email address and contact number - see Reporting information.



Got coronavirus symptoms?

1 Start isolating
• you for **7 days**
• household for **14 days**



2 Book a test
• NHS.uk/coronavirus
• or call **119**

negative
for COVID-19



- Household stops isolating immediately
- You stop isolating if you feel well

positive
for COVID-19



3 Share contacts
via NHS Test and Trace

STAY ALERT › CONTROL THE VIRUS › SAVE LIVES

If you have been in close contact with someone who tests positive

1 You may be alerted by NHS Test and Trace



2 Isolate for **14 days** after close contact



if you develop symptoms

3 Book a test
• Household isolates for **14 days**

negative
for COVID-19



- Household stops isolating immediately
- You complete **14 day isolation**

positive
for COVID-19



- You begin new **7 day isolation**
- Household completes **14 day isolation**

Reporting Local Outbreaks COVID-19



What is an Outbreak

A setting is determined to have an outbreak when two or more individuals within 14 days identified with confirmed or suspect COVID-19 infection within the setting. However, it is recommended that you report any confirmed individual case, so that you get appropriate advice and early support.

Reporting an Outbreak - Please report to both PHE and the LA Response Team immediately.

Report cases of COVID-19 (coronavirus) to the Health Protection Team in Public Health England using the online reporting system available here:

<https://surveys.phe.org.uk/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=n4KL97m2I>

Or by telephone to **0344 225 3560 (opt 0 opt 2)**
and

To LA Response Team email **C19LocalOutbreakControl@staffordshire.gov.uk**

Reporting and Individual Cases - LA Response Team only email
C19LocalOutbreakControl@staffordshire.gov.uk

LA Response Team

General enquires and correspondence around any notified outbreak /individual case will be via the Education and Early Years Outbreak Team

C19LOC.education@staffordshire.gov.uk

Telephone number 01785 355777

Staffordshire COVID-19 Local Outbreak Operational Response Procedure - Education and Early Years Settings

1. Notification received

PHE/LA is notified of possible cases in setting come from either setting direct, local authority intelligence, laboratory test reports, other relevant stakeholder. An **outbreak is defined as two or more individuals within 14 days with confirmed or suspect COVID-19 infection within the setting. Recommend that you inform Local Outbreak response email of any confirmed individual case.**

2. Outbreak investigation

PHE/LA review other intelligence and make connections that lead to potential outbreak. Contact made with the setting to gather information around number of symptomatic pupils / staff/ contractors and other information to aid the outbreak investigation. Setting Leadership support with information from Parents/Carers as required.

3. Risk assessment & controls

Investigation Response Team Member will ensure risk assessment is undertaken based on the pattern of transmission, number of individuals affected to determine approach. Joint discussion between PHE/LA where significant risk identified. Learning and actions identified logged and setting action plan agreed.

4. Advice & Guidance

Infection Protection & Control advice provided to the setting, including messaging on social distancing, hygiene, PPE, protective groupings (cohorts), enhanced cleaning, managing symptomatic pupils etc. Links to government guidance, FAQ and other support arrangements to provided. Consideration given to need for media support/parental messages.

5. Testing & control measures

If no confirmatory testing has taken place, PHE/LA will help arrange for testing of symptomatic staff and pupils/other relevant individuals. Testing arrangements for subsequent cases will be explained. (First month all contacts including asymptomatic will to be tested). PPE supply chain issues, pupil attendance issues and /or staffing issues will be considered.

6. Risk rating assigned

Following the risk assessment and other discussions a risk rating will be assigned, to ensure the right support is applied to the local management of the outbreak. LA/PHE will share information on status of current local outbreaks.

7. Assess need for IMT

If the outbreak is complex and setting faces multiple issues PHE/LA will assess the need to hold IMT (with local authority, PHE, Setting and CCG representation *etc*). This will be for the most complex of cases only. In lower risk outbreaks a Local Authority Response Team meeting will be held where need identified.

8. Continued follow-up

Settings advised to contact PHE/LA if their situation changes (i.e. new cases, control management concerns, lack of required PPE). However, PHE/LA will aim to continue the follow-up after 48 Hours, 5 days and 14 days frequency and period of this is subject to complexity of situation and information available.

9. Closes outbreak

The outbreak can be declared over 28 days after the last case of COVID-19 infection. Local Authority Response Team will continue to follow up and support the setting as per any action plan identified.

10. Further Notification

The Local Authority Response Team will notify PHE if the situation worsens and further input required to manage the situation. This could include a rapid increase in number of cases, or other issues.

11. Situation worsens

Local agreement on local setting restrictions agreed which could include partial or full closure of site for specified time period or to accommodate Infection Prevention and Control deep cleaning or other supportive measures. Template communications use for partial or full closure.

12. Referred back

If outbreak escalates/not closed and therefore needs referral back to PHE, the risk assessment and outbreak investigation and management would recommence from point 2 of the pathway.

***The six red/high risk flag categories:** (1) high attack rate; (2) inadequate understanding of risk; (3) non-adherence to setting guidance; (4) management concerns such as staffing issues or lack of PPE; (5) significant media / political interest and (6) other significant implication.

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