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Covid-19

[Visiting arrangements in care homes](#) (Updated 22 April 2021) Sets out how care homes can support families and visitors to visit residents.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) testing in adult care homes](#) (Updated 22 April 2021) How to access test kits and step-by-step guides on how to use PCR and rapid lateral flow test kits for regular and outbreak testing of residents, staff and visiting professionals.

[Supported living services during coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) (Updated 22 April 2021) Guidance for providers of supported living settings.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) testing service for extra care and supported living settings](#) (Updated 22 April 2021) Guidance on regular retesting for extra care and supported living settings that meet the eligibility criteria.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) testing for adult social care settings](#) (Updated 22 April 2021) Outlines the COVID-19 testing available for testing staff, residents and visitors for all adult social care settings.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) testing for homecare workers](#) (Updated 22 April 2021) Sets out how homecare agencies in England can order regular tests for their homecare (domiciliary care) staff.

[COVID-19: guidance on shielding and protecting people defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable](#) (Updated 16 April 2021) Information for shielding and protecting people defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable from COVID-19.

Consultation

[Making vaccination a condition of deployment in older adult care homes](#) The government is considering amending the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014. This would mean older adult care home providers could only use those staff who have received the COVID-19 vaccination (or those with a legitimate medical exemption) in line with government guidance. The deadline for responding to the consultation is Friday 21 May 2021.

News

[Dementia deaths in Australia fell during COVID-19 pandemic](#) Early evidence suggests measures to prevent the spread of coronavirus such as Melbourne's lockdown reduced the chances of other infections.

[Cultural and religious awareness within dementia care](#) Discusses the importance of cultural and religious awareness within dementia care for ethnic minorities.

Dementia

Studies

[Research Shows Links Between Gum Disease and Alzheimer's](#) In the new study, the researchers found that people who have more harmful than healthy gum bacteria were more likely to also have a protein marker for Alzheimer's disease, known as amyloid beta, in their cerebrospinal fluid (CSF).

[Rugby legends join large dementia prevention study, funded by Alzheimer's Society](#) Alzheimer's Society is delighted to announce that former world-leading rugby players have signed up to a large-scale Alzheimer's Society funded study. The research will look at important and unanswered questions, such as whether elite rugby players show more early warning signs of dementia than the general population.

[Association of sleep duration in middle and old age with incidence of dementia](#) Persistent short sleep duration at age 50, 60, and 70 compared to persistent normal sleep duration was also associated with a 30% increased dementia risk independently of sociodemographic, behavioural, cardiometabolic, and mental health factors.

Survey

[Alzheimer's Society calling on care workers to share experiences](#) Alzheimer's Society is asking professional care workers to complete a short set of questions to find out the barriers and challenges they face in caring for people with dementia.

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