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Visitor Accommodation businesses

Visitor accommodation providers need to consider specific scenarios which could impact on their units of accommodation.

You should ensure that your employees understand and implement the cleaning requirements for your business, and that they have the necessary equipment to undertake a deep clean if required. Full details on cleaning considerations during a COVID-19 pandemic can be found here: ([Cleaning guidance for accommodations hosting critical workers and/or individuals self-isolating | States of Guernsey - COVID-19 \(gov.gg\)](#))

As a business you should also encourage anyone showing symptoms of COVID-19 to call the Medical Centre on 832045 to arrange a COVID-19 test.

Un-vaccinated or part-vaccinated individuals continue to be at higher risk of catching, experiencing stronger symptoms from, and transmitting the COVID-19 virus.

If you have partially vaccinated or un-vaccinated members of staff, you should consider which elements of their role increase their risk of contracting COVID-19. You will need to ensure that they understand these risks if you are unable to re-deploy them to another area of your business.

What if a visitor tests positive for COVID-19? If a visiting (vaccinated, partially vaccinated or un-vaccinated) adult or child over the age of 12 tests positive for COVID-19, a member of Public Health Services will contact you as soon as possible to understand your business (how many rooms, total number of visitors etc) and to identify any close contacts that will need to be tested. They will also ask questions regarding the vaccine status of your staff. You do not need to immediately send everyone home.

Public Health Services will provide the positive case with specific instructions regarding their testing and self-isolation requirements. They will also contact you, as the business owner, in order to provide detailed information regarding cleaning required, self-isolation of staff contacts etc.

A positive case of COVID-19 will have to remain isolated in their accommodation until such a time it is determined that they are no longer a risk to the community and released by the Medical Officer of Health, during this time it will not be possible for them to move room within your accommodation – or move to another location.

If you have back-to-back bookings, you may want to consider not operating at maximum capacity whilst we are still responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.