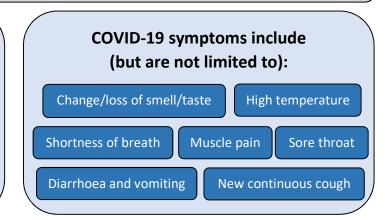
# **Guidance for recruiting care home residents**



**PRINCIPLE TRIAL** aims to find treatments that improve recovery and reduce hospital admissions for people with COVID-19. **Any healthcare professional can facilitate recruitment of care home residents,** by guiding patients/their legal representative through consent and registration.

### Who are we recruiting?

- Patients aged 18 years or over
- WITH a positive COVID-19 test (PCR or Lateral Flow) within the last 14 days
- AND presenting COVID-19 symptoms within the last 14 days



IMPORTANT – those who have had a COVID-19 vaccine or a flu vaccine are still eligible to take part in the study

## Recruiting into the study and obtaining informed consent

Residents with capacity have three options:

- i) Recruit patient yourself. Go to <a href="www.principletrial.org">www.principletrial.org</a> and click 'Enrol a patient button'
  Patient Information Sheet provided to go through with patient before completing consent form.

  Nb. You are verbally supporting someone to self-consent to the study and transcribing this information into the online system Good Clinical Practice (GCP) therefore not required.
- ii) Refer patient to study team: 0800 138 0880, to help guide patient through enrolment process
- iii) **Self-enrolling patient** go to: <a href="https://www.principletrial.org/participants/how-to-join-the-trial">https://www.principletrial.org/participants/how-to-join-the-trial</a>

#### Residents without capacity:

- i) Contact patient's legal representative (ideally family member or next of kin) to confirm if they are willing for the patient to take part in the study. Can email/telephone to discuss the study and role of the legal representative (approved legal representative letter available)
- ii) Complete the screening, consent and baseline information online with the legal representative to register patient for the study: Go to <a href="https://www.principletrial.org">www.principletrial.org</a> and click **'Enrol a patient' button**

### What happens next?

Participants will be automatically randomised to receive either Usual Care or a treatment (medication), and a study pack with the relevant information is couriered directly to their care home.

For further information or support: Email: principle@phc.ox.ac.uk; Tel: 0800 138 0880

GPs providing information to confirm a patient's eligibility will be reimbursed £50 per patient