

URGENT: We are supporting a study to find treatments for COVID-19

Dear **[insert patient name]** OR TO PATIENTS AT THE **[insert practice name]** SURGERY

At the **[insert practice name]** we are taking part in a research study to help find treatments for COVID-19. We are writing with information on how you may be able to join this study.

The study is called PRINCIPLE. It is run by the University of Oxford, and is funded by the UK government as a national priority study. The study aims to find treatments that reduce hospital admission and speed recovery for people with symptoms of COVID-19. People included in the study must be **aged over 65, or aged 50-64 with underlying health conditions**. They will either receive usual care, or usual care plus a study drug. Some study drugs are widely used to treat other conditions and have been assessed as being safe for use in this study.

We will test treatments that are well known and have been used for many years around the world, and already have a license for use in the UK. We will also assess less familiar treatments which might have beneficial effects for the treatment of COVID-19, but which do not yet have a license for use in the UK. All of the treatments in the PRINCIPLE trial have been approved by the UK- Medicines and Health Care Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA), as well as the Urgent Public Health panel of independent experts. The MHRA regulates the use of all medicines in the UK.

You may be able to take part in this study if:

- i) **You have symptoms of COVID-19 (a new continuous cough or a high temperature or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell), and have had them for less than 15 days.**

OR

- ii) You have had a **positive test** for SARS-Co-V2 infection which was taken fewer than 15 days ago, AND are unwell with symptoms of COVID-19. These symptoms may include, but are not limited to, shortness of breath, general feeling of being unwell, muscle pain, diarrhoea, vomiting, fever and cough, and you must have had them for **fewer than 15 days**.

For more information about the study and signing up, please visit the study website (XXX) If you have any questions, or do not have internet access, please call the PRINCIPLE study team on 0800 138 0880.

We are pleased to be supporting this important research, as we urgently need to find effective, early treatments for COVID-19 that can be used in the community.

So, please make contact if you have **symptoms of COVID-19 and are aged over 65, or aged 50-64 with underlying health conditions!**

Yours Sincerely



[insert practice name]