

**Getting back Bristol back to business
Locking Out Coronavirus
Preventing and Responding to Outbreaks**

Service or Community:	
Sector Lead:	
Public Health Lead:	

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Introduction from Christina Gray Director of Public Health:

Dear Colleagues,

This is a generic template to assist the formulation of outbreak plans for a wide range of setting, communities and circumstances.

We hope it will help. We certainly don't want it to hinder so if the template doesn't work for you, please do go ahead and make any amendments you need.

You may well have one of the Bristol Public Health Team working with you, but if you don't and you need any help or advice, please contact our Bristol Public Health Duty Desk on ph.healthprotection@bristol.gov.uk

The Bristol Public Health Team is part of Bristol City Council. We work closely with, but are not the same as the specialist Public Health England, Health Protection Team, who work across the south west region.

Outbreak planning and response is going to be central to our ability to move forward into the next phase of living with Coronavirus

I am very grateful to each and every one of you who are doing so much, every day, to keep our communities safe.

Thank you

Christina Gray

Service or Community

Write a short succinct description of service or community the plan will serve.

Consider things like

- What is the service/function/community
- People: Age, Gender, Ethnicity
- Location, Geography
- Other key factors

Prevention & Covid Secure Plans

We need to do as much as we can to preventing and minimise spread of infection in the first place :

- What current action or plans are in place to prevent the spread of the virus
- Changes to the physical environment?
- Prompt or requirements for changes to behaviours?
- Consider hygiene measure, social distancing, face coverings?
- Are you confident that people who are unwell will stay at home and arrange to be tested?
- Are plans in place to shield and protect high risk or vulnerable people?
- Are you confident
- Are you aware of any particular risks relating to your community or setting?
- How well are any specific risks able to be managed or mitigated?

Identifying positive cases

It's important that the service or community is aware if staff, clients or community members are possible or confirmed as positive for Covid -19

If someone is unwell they should isolate immediately and ring the new 119 number or request a test via the portal:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/everyone-in-the-united-kingdom-with-symptoms-now-eligible-for-coronavirus-tests>

- How will you make sure everyone does this this?
- How will you know if someone is unwell?
- How will you know if someone has a positive result?
- How will you support people who are possible or positive to stay at home and isolate for 7 days?
- How will you encourage people who are positive to respond to the contact tracing team?
- How will you support people who have been identified as contacts to isolate for 14 days?

Identifying emerging outbreaks

An outbreak is two or more linked cases. So if two, or more positive cases are identified in a setting or community we need to know about it, and we will work with Public Health England to make sure the situation is managed and contained.

The following need to be notified if there are 2 or more cases:

South West PHE Health Protection Team: 0300 303 8162 or swhpt@phe.gov.uk

Bristol Public Health Duty Team: ph.healthprotection@bristol.gov.uk

You also need to think about:

- How would you identify two or more cases?
- Who will inform PHE and our Local Authority PH team?
- Does anyone else need to be informed

Managing an Outbreak

An outbreak, where there are 2 or more cases, linked to a setting or community will be managed by PHE supported by the Bristol CC Public Health Team working closely with those most knowledgeable or responsible for the setting or community. This does not apply to households.

You also need to think about:

- Who would need to be informed and included in the outbreak response?
- Are there any safeguarding concerns to be anticipated – and who would represent these?
- Are there any commercial concerns to be anticipated? – and who would represent these?
- Are there likely to be practical issues in helping people to self-isolate?

Core Members for the Outbreak Management Response

Name and role	Contact details

Contact Tracing

- Have you got systems in place to support contact tracing?
- For example, customer registers

Closure/Containment

- Are there systems in place to be able to close / suspend activity?
- Will there be any issues around security? Use of regulatory powers?
- Other issues or risks?

Oversight and Monitoring

To keep the city safe, we need to have as much information as possible about how we are identifying and managing cases and outbreaks

- How will you do this?
- Is your service or community part of a larger service or cluster?
- If so is there an obvious oversight group?
- How will you make sure this information is fed back to inform the Bristol Health Protection Committee

**Together we can do this
Thank you**