**COVID 19 Pre-Release Check for Prisoners Who Test Positive**

Prisons should consider actions that may be required if a prisoner tests positive on or near to the day of release, for example, how will the prisoner travel to their destination?

Listed below are some of the issues prisons should consider when planning to release prisoners who have tested positive for Covid 19.

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|  | **Consideration** | **Action owner** | **Complete?** |
| Communication | Prisons must be aware of their responsibilities for safeguarding confidentiality and preserving information security, (Data Protection Act). Consent to share information about an individual’s COVID-19 status should be obtained wherever possible. When consent to share has been received this should be recorded. (Refer to the privacy notice)  | Prison |  |
| Prisons must consider how to inform a prisoner being released that a decision has been made to share information after the prisoner withheld consent  | Prison |  |
| How will the prison communicate with Community Offender Manager/Approved Premises Manager regarding a positive test for a prisoner being released? | OMU |  |
| Who will the prison communicate with if Community Offender Manager cannot be contacted? | OMU |  |
| How will the prison communicate with the Electronic Monitoring provider when the positive prisoner is being released requires EM tag? | OMU |  |
| If there is any doubt about local substance misuse treatment services for positive cases how will prison communicate with local authority substance misuse commissioner to confirm contingency plans for release?  | OMU and/or DART |  |
| What will prison communicate with prisoner being released?Prisoners should be advised what to do in terms of good hygiene, self-isolation, social distancing in line with latest Government advice | OMU/TTG |  |
| How will the positive prisoner communicate and register with local GP services? | Health Care and/or TTG |  |
| Does the positive prisoner being released have any social care needs that require communicating to the Community Offender Manager? | OMU |  |
| How will the prison communicate with Community Offender Manager to inform them of the positive prisoner being released if they are registered NFA?  | OMU |  |
| How will prison communicate with positive prisoner’s family if they are being collected by family on release? | OMU |  |
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| Transport | Does the prison know whether the local taxi/private hire contractor can deploy COVID-secure/safe transport? | Head of Ops |  |
| Has the prisoner been spoken to before discharge date about how they intend to travel? | OMU |  |
| What public health risk mitigation can be put in place to reduce the risk of the positive prisoner being released infecting others –* + Issuing face covering and hygiene products in a discharge pack?
	+ Issuing advice about the individual’s responsibilities?
	+ Use of public transport should be discouraged
 | Prison COVID lead/OMU |  |
| What advice can be given to a member of the prisoner’s family or friends if they are collecting from the gate when released? (if appropriate)o appropriate PPE issued.o advice offered on cleaning the vehicle after use. | OMU |  |
| Can an official vehicle be used? |  |  |
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| Accomodation | What accommodation arrangements can be put in place for a prisoner being discharged who has tested positive and is registered as NFA? | OMU/TTG |  |
| What can be put in place for a prisoner being discharged who has tested positive and is sharing accommodation with a vulnerable person? * + Can temporary short-term accommodation be found?

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/contacts-phe-regions-and-local-centres> | OMU/TTG |  |
| What information will be given to a prisoner being released who has tested positive about isolation requirements? | OMU |  |