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Alert for all clinical staff: COVID-19 Case Definition Change

Dear Colleagues

General Case Definition for the Public

From today the general clinical case definition for COVID-19 has been updated to include loss of or change in smell or taste. It is now:

New continuous cough **OR** fever **OR** loss of/ change in smell or taste

Everyone, including health and social care workers, should self-isolate if they develop a new continuous cough or fever or loss of/ change in smell or taste.

The individual's household should also self-isolate for 14 days as per the current guidelines. The individual should stay at home for 7 days, or longer if they still have a fever.

Thank you for your ongoing work in this pandemic



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