

# Home Oximetry Service

Patients over 65 years of age that are symptomatic with COVID-19, or patients who are clinically extremely vulnerable who are symptomatic with COVID-19, will now be provided with a pulse oximeter to test their oxygen saturation levels for a period of 14 days.

This service is run by the Worcestershire Covid Management Service. Patients should be referred to this service by their GP if they are symptomatic with COVID-19 and require ongoing monitoring at home. To refer a patient:

Email: [hwccg.swhealthcare@nhs.net](mailto:hwccg.swhealthcare@nhs.net)

Phone: 0333 332 4020

Please note only GPs can refer patients for this service, and all patients referred must be symptomatic with COVID-19.

## How does it work?

The CMS will identify eligible patients, and arrange for them to receive a pulse oximeter within 12 hours of identification. These are provided by Herefordshire and Worcestershire CCG, and will be supplied to patients in a sealable bag containing a patient information leaflet and instructions for the equipment's return.

The patient will be asked to provide up to three readings a day to the CMS administrator (either by telephone or text message, as agreed with the GP and patient.)

During operating hours, patients with abnormal readings will be escalated to the CMS GP for further management - unless 999 is necessary. Outside of operating hours, patients can follow the escalation guidance in their patient information leaflet - using 111 and 999 services as appropriate.

When the pulse oximeter is no longer required, patients will be asked to arrange for a friend or family member to drop off the equipment at a designated location. It will then be decontaminated, following the decontamination process, before being repackaged and delivered to the next patient

For more information, visit [www.swhealthcare.org.uk/home-oximetry-service](http://www.swhealthcare.org.uk/home-oximetry-service)



**Herefordshire and  
Worcestershire**

Clinical Commissioning Group



**SW Healthcare**

Stay Well in South Worcestershire