

Frequently asked questions

Are staff entering the facility where the groups are being kept required to wear full PPE?

Staff entering the facility are taking appropriate infection prevention and control precautions including wearing appropriate PPE.

The people who drove the buses that transported the group were not wearing PPE - does this pose a risk to the wider community?

Seating arrangements ensured that the drivers were not in close contact with the passengers on the journey, which meant they were not at risk and did not require PPE. Close contact means being within two metres of an infected person for at least fifteen minutes. The measures we put in place to address this were to block off five rows at the front and boarding the drivers last. The drivers do not pose a risk to public health as a result of driving these passengers to their accommodation and should go about their daily lives as normal.

If NHS staff need to enter the site, will they be provided with full PPE?

Staff entering the facility are taking appropriate infection prevention and control precautions including wearing appropriate PPE provided by the facility.

Are those who have been repatriated being assessed daily by a medical team?

There is an onsite clinical team and checks are being made daily on all those in the facility.

Is the site being regularly cleaned to help stop the spread of infection?

Appropriate cleaning is being undertaken onsite.

Why was this site chosen?

The local site has been chosen because it offers appropriate accommodation and other facilities for those coming back from Wuhan while they stay in Milton Keynes. It also allows the health of those in the group to be regularly monitored and has the necessary medical facilities close at hand should they be required.

There are schools in the area, do these people pose a risk?

This group being repatriated will be kept in isolation on the site and so they pose no risk to the wider community, including any school children.

If they test negative, will they be allowed to leave?

As the incubation period is 14 days, people may still develop the virus even after an initial test. They will therefore be asked to remain at the facility until day 14.

What will happen if they test positive?

If a result does come back positive they will be isolated appropriately and receive the necessary specialist care within the NHS.