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**Sent:** 01/04/2020 10:50:22  
**To:** Christopher Williams (Public Health Wales - No. 2 Capital Quarter, Health Protection)  
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**Subject:** RE: HCW screening

Perhaps we can discuss? It would be good to understand if there is more data out there on higher intensity testing of HCWs. Also it is a risk based approach to mitigate nosocomial outbreaks – whilst it may have a low pick-up it might have a 'marginal gain' and also a psychological barrier for HCWs.

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**Sent:** 01 April 2020 10:33  
**To:** Orford, Rob (HSS - Primary Care & Health Science) <Rob.Orford@gov.wales>  
**Subject:** HCW screening

Dear Rob,

Will try to discuss this offline with Robin. Whilst it is true that the NPV of the test is low, it is also true that potentially a high proportion of those testing positive (and therefore likely shedding ) are asymptomatic (see below in context of care homes). It is also true that HCW will continue to work whilst symptomatic despite guidance.

[https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6913e1.htm?s\\_cid=mm6913e1\\_w](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6913e1.htm?s_cid=mm6913e1_w)

Many thanks

Bw chris

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