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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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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

Many thanks

Bw chris

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