

# Automatic sanitising gates

WCS Care homes



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## Introduction

WCS Care continues to follow government guidance and our own Covid-19 infection control procedures to help keep residents, staff and essential visitors safe during the global pandemic including establishing our own PPE supply chain, regular temperature checks and testing.

We've developed a combination of enhanced measures to support our approach including the introduction of automatic sanitising gates placed at the entry/exit of our homes.

## How do the automatic sanitising gates work?

The gates spray a dry sanitising mist each time people walk through them, which helps reduce the risk of Covid-19 coming into or leaving the home on someone's clothes.

The sanitising gates have undergone appropriate health and safety testing before installation. And sanitiser products are non-hazardous, environmentally friendly, and alcohol-free.



## Other measures in our homes

In addition to automatic sanitising gates and our existing infection control policies and procedures, we've also introduced measures including:

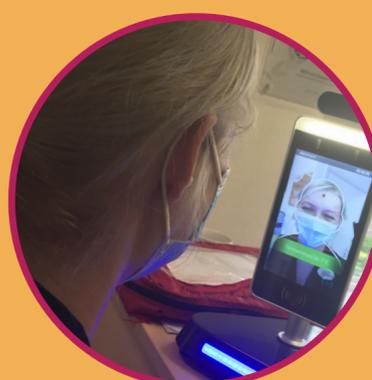
### Fogging machines

We regularly use anti-viral fogging machines to treat communal areas and rooms to reduce the risk of viral particles in the air or on surfaces as part of a stringent cleaning regime.



### Airport-style temperature scanners

Before people enter the home, we ask visitors and staff to have their temperature taken using either in-ear, forehead or airport-style temperature scanners.





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WCS Care recognises the importance of family relationships for residents and it's why we're doing everything we can to ensure these continue, using government guidance for care homes and our own Covid-19 infection control measures.

Alongside video calls and window visits, we've enabled Covid-secure garden visits for relatives and residents during the summer months. We're also developing visitor pods as we prepare for the autumn and winter months.

### **What are visitor pods?**

We're creating comfortable environments for residents to enjoy visits from friends and family away from the elements, as the weather gets colder and access inside our homes continues to be restricted for everyone's safety.

Our pods will be accessed using a separate entrance to the main home and are located in a specially constructed or converted room (developed in co-operation with the local planning authority where necessary) that will be split into two areas - one for residents and one for visitors.



There will be a floor-to-ceiling dividing screen in between these rooms, so loved ones can see each other come rain or shine, while maintaining social distancing and other infection control measures.

Each pod will be decorated to reflect the personalities of the people who live in the home and should be ready by the end of October 2020, complete with mains electricity and heating.