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Dr Simon Howard, Consultant in Health Protection for Public Health England North East said: “Public Health England is contacting people who had close contact with one case of COVID-19 confirmed in Newcastle. Close contacts will be given health advice about symptoms and emergency contact details to use if they become unwell in the 14 days after contact with the confirmed cases. This tried and tested method will ensure we are able to minimise any risk to them and the wider public.”

Director of Public Health for Newcastle City Council Professor Eugene Milne said:

““We would like to send our best wishes to the affected individual and wish them a speedy and full recovery.

“Newcastle has robust infection control arrangements in place and strong partnership arrangements across the health and care system.

“The council is working closely with Public Health England, the NHS and all our health and care partners to prevent further spread of the virus.

“As such, the risk to people living, working, studying and visiting Newcastle remains low and the cities are very much open for business.

“In the meantime, it is important to follow good hygiene practices and if you show symptoms please ring NHS 111 rather than ring

your GP or go to a hospital. For the latest advice visit [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus).

“Newcastle City Council will continue to work with Public Health England to share timely and relevant information with the public and our partners.

“Please refer only to official sources for updates. The latest national information and advice is available at www.gov.uk/coronavirus”