

Rapid Testing for households & bubbles with school pupils

[Households and bubbles of pupils, students and staff of schools and colleges: get rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/households-and-bubbles-of-pupils-students-and-staff-of-schools-and-colleges-get-rapid-lateral-flow-tests)

Rapid lateral flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff

As more pupils and students return to the classroom the Government has asked that all adults who live in households with primary school, secondary school and college age children, including childcare and support bubbles, test themselves twice a week. **With staggered drop off and pick-ups meaning more adults in a confined space (despite social distancing measures in place) we would ask that parents of our primary children access regular testing.** Primary school children have not been asked to test at this time.

Around 1 in 3 people with Covid-19 don't have any symptoms, but can still pass it on. The aim of the rapid testing is to test as many people as possible to help stop the spread of infections – especially as places, such as schools, start to reopen.

To support this, home testing kits (a rapid lateral flow device test) are now available for anyone who is over the age of 18 who lives in the same home as a primary school, secondary school or college age student.

People who are asymptomatic (do not display symptoms of Covid-19) can find out how to get a rapid lateral flow test in the following ways:

- **At work** – Your employer may already be offering you regular testing through your workplace either at work or from home. It is important that you continue to access regular testing where it is made available to you.
- **At a local test centre** – Testing at these sites is assisted, which means you will swab yourself under the supervision of a trained operator. You may need to book an appointment. Find your local rapid lateral flow test site:

[COVID Test Finder \(test-and-trace.nhs.uk\)](https://test-and-trace.nhs.uk)

- **Collect test kits** - You can collect 2 packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Each pack contains 7 tests.

Anyone 18 or over can collect. Most collection points are open from 1.30pm to 7pm. You can check online if the location is open or busy before you go. You do not need to make an appointment.

Do not visit a collection point outside opening hours, as it may be used to test people with coronavirus symptoms outside these times.

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- **Order home test kits online** - If you cannot get tested at your workplace, or are unable to go to a test site or collect test kits, you can order a home test kit online.

[Schools and colleges testing: order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow home test kits - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Do not order online if you can get a test through other methods. This frees up home delivery for those who need it most.

- If you're eligible but you cannot order online, call 119 for tests to be sent to your home. Lines are open from 7am to 11pm and calls are free.

Reporting results

- It is really important that results are reported. People are asked to [report results online](#) to NHS Test and Trace or over the phone by calling 119.

If anyone in the household tests positive or gets coronavirus symptoms, they should:

- Tell the school AND:
- Self-isolate immediately
- Get a PCR test at a local test centre to confirm the result. PCR Tests work in a different way to lateral flow device test as the swab kits go to a laboratory. The PCR tests are better at finding very small amounts of the virus, especially early in infection, so these are used primarily in people who have symptoms.
- Follow the [stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection](#)
- A negative result means the test did not find signs of coronavirus. But this does not guarantee people do not have coronavirus, so they should keep following all [coronavirus advice](#) including:
 - Regular handwashing
 - Social distancing
 - Wearing a face covering where recommended