

Asymptomatic Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Testing Flowchart for Parents/Carers/Students

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Are you or anyone in your household displaying symptoms of COVID-19: new continuous cough (coughing frequently for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours) and/or high temperature and/or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)?

NO

YES

Student (year 7+) to take a rapid LFD Home Test.

This should be done:

- ✓ twice weekly
- ✓ 3-4 days apart
- ✓ in the morning before they leave for school
- ✓ students aged 11 must have the swab taken by their parent/carer
- ✓ students aged 12-17 years old can self-test and report with adult supervision
- ✓ students aged 18 and over can self-test and report themselves.

Click here to see **How to do an LFD Test**

www.gov.uk/covid19-self-test-help

NB. If you have previously tested positive following any coronavirus test, you are exempt from testing by both PCR and LFD within 90 days of a positive test.

Read your result at **exactly 30 minutes** - not before or after.

Log your result online immediately at www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result (or by phone on NHS 119 if there is no internet available).

Inform your setting of your result. If it is positive, and you were in the setting in the previous 48 hours, they will need to **start contact tracing immediately**.

Close contacts will be asked to book a PCR test.

NEGATIVE
LFD TEST RESULT

VOID
LFD TEST RESULT

POSITIVE
LFD TEST RESULT

CAUTION
Go into the setting as normal and continue to take all current precautions. The test did not detect COVID-19, but rapid tests miss some infections. A negative test does not rule out coronavirus.

If 1st test result is void: repeat using a new LFD test kit.
If 2nd test result is void: book a PCR test and inform the setting. You **DO NOT** need to self-isolate unless PCR test is positive.

DO NOT use the LFD test and DO NOT go to the setting.

Book a PCR test as soon as possible for you and anyone in your household with symptoms. This can be done online at: www.nhs.uk/coronavirus.

Alternatively, a test can be ordered by phone on NHS 119 for those without internet.

You and all members of your household and/or support bubble must now self-isolate until the results are received.

Positive Result

Inform your setting to enable contact tracing to begin. Close contacts will be asked to book a PCR test.

You, your household and close contacts must **self-isolate for 10 days from start of symptoms** or date of LFD test (if the LFD testing route was followed), as per Government guidelines.

Negative PCR Result

You and your close contacts can return to your setting and your household can stop isolating. Restart twice weekly LFD testing.

Book a PCR test WITHIN 2 DAYS of positive LFD test online at <http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or telephone NHS 119. You, your household and/or support bubble, and close contacts, must self-isolate immediately whilst awaiting a test and test results.

Negative PCR Result within 72hrs of positive LFD test

You can return to your setting and your household can stop isolating. Restart twice weekly LFD testing.

If a follow up PCR test is not undertaken within **2 days** and the result is not logged with Test and Trace within **72 hours**, then the 10-day isolation period will continue for all close contacts from the date of the positive LFD.

- LFD tests are used for identifying asymptomatic cases and should not be used if you have any symptoms.
- LFD tests are safe to use in pregnancy.
- LFD tests undertaken at home are not recommended for children under the age of 11 years old.
- **If you have been identified as a close contact of a positive case, a negative LFD or PCR test does not mean you can stop isolating.**
- If you have recently (**within 90 days**) had a positive PCR test for COVID-19, you are likely to have developed some immunity. **Individuals are, therefore, exempt from testing by both PCR and LFD within 90 days of a positive PCR test, unless they develop new symptoms.**
- **Pupils are still required to self-isolate if they are identified as a close contact of a positive case, even if this is within the 90-day window of their positive test.**