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Test and Trace

Participant information sheet for rapid lateral flow test evaluation

Thank you for agreeing to participate in the rapid lateral flow testing quality assurance which is also referred to as 'evaluation' in this document.

Taking part will help keep you and the people around you safe and save lives. We are asking you to complete two tests so we can compare results from these testing methods.

By taking part in this evaluation, you are supporting the scale and speed at which national testing can safely be deployed. Increasing testing capacity is essential in unlocking the country and allowing life to return to normal in a swift and safe manner as possible.

The use of rapid lateral flow tests has a part to play in increasing the number of people we can test. This evaluation will give the NHS a better understanding of how we can continue to use rapid lateral flow tests safely in different settings.

If you choose not to take part, you can still use the PCR test if your rapid lateral flow test is positive to confirm the result.

You can also use the PCR kit if you develop COVID-19 symptoms. For storage and expiry date information, please refer to information in the PCR kit. Thank you for considering taking part in this evaluation.



About this evaluation

Voluntary Participation

Participation is voluntary. You have been given this leaflet and the PCR kit as you agreed to dual testing. If you are unable to do this dual test for some reason, we would be grateful if you can inform the school.

You must report your rapid lateral flow test result to your school as per your standard school procedures.

Complete both tests as soon as you can

You need to do one rapid lateral flow test and one PCR test. Complete your tests as soon as you can, one after the other, taking your PCR swab while you are waiting for your LFD (rapid lateral flow test device) result. Then post your PCR test straight after completing it.

All tests in this evaluation are for the same person

It is important that both the rapid lateral flow test and PCR test are completed by the same person to make sure the data is accurate.

Identify which test kits are yours

If there is more than one of you taking part in the evaluation, for example two people in the same household, you must ensure:

- everyone completes and uploads the results of their own tests
- tests are not mixed - each person should take their tests in separate locations or at different times

Negative rapid lateral flow result

If your rapid lateral flow test result is negative, you do not need to register the PCR test kit with NHS Test and Trace.

Your PCR test result will be used for evaluation purposes only. A PCR test may detect previous infections which rapid lateral flow tests may not. You will not be contacted with the result unless it is a new variant for which enhanced trace procedures are in place.

You still need to post your PCR test to the lab for analysis and enter its details on the evaluation website bit.ly/LFTCollectSchools

If you register your PCR test after a negative rapid lateral flow test result and the PCR result is positive, you will be contacted with your result. You and your contacts must then follow national guidelines on self-isolation.

Positive rapid lateral flow result

If your rapid lateral flow test result is positive and you get an email or text asking you take a confirmatory PCR test, register your PCR test. Do this by using the instructions included with the test. As you took both tests at the same time, your PCR test can act as your confirmatory test.

You must follow current guidelines on self-isolation.

Under government guidelines you may leave your house to go directly to the nearest Royal Mail priority postbox.

Please avoid crowded or busy areas while maintaining as much social distancing as possible.

Step-by-step guide to completing your tests



1 Complete your rapid lateral flow test

Read the instructions with your test kit, or watch a video demonstration at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-self-test-help>



Keep your test strip. You will need to upload your test strip ID number to the evaluation website later.

Your test strip ID number is a set of letters and numbers. It is printed at the top of the test strip, below the QR code.



2 Complete your PCR test

Complete your PCR swab while you are waiting for your test to develop. Carefully read the instructions with your test kit, or watch a video demonstration <https://tinyurl.com/mr8kaw84>

Make a note of your PCR test barcode number.



3 Report rapid lateral flow test result to the NHS

In addition to entering the information on the evaluation website you must also report the result of your rapid lateral flow test to the NHS at <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>



4 Submit your rapid lateral flow test and PCR test details on the evaluation website

After completing both tests and reporting your rapid lateral flow test result, please scan this QR code with your phone or visit bit.ly/LFTCollectSchools

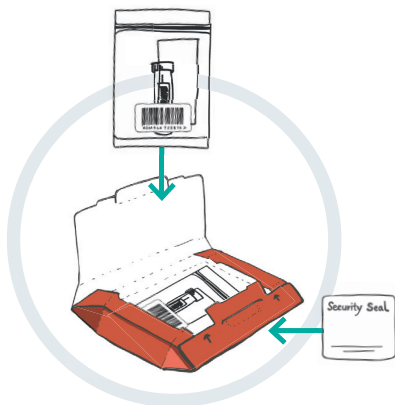
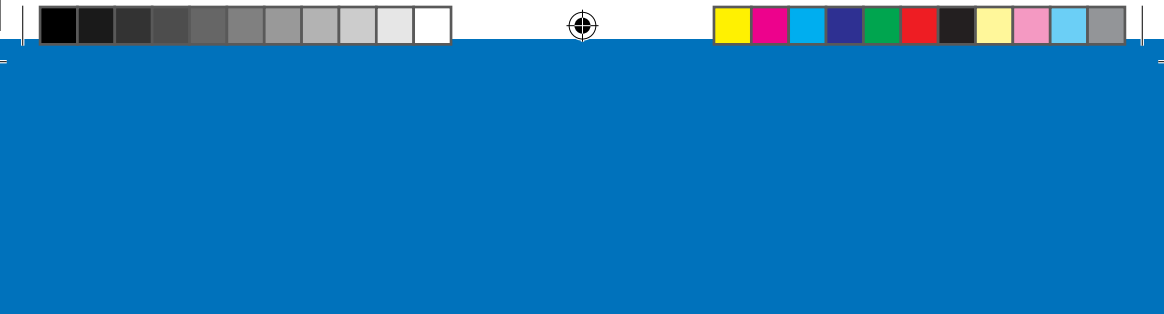
You will be asked to:

- enter your PCR test barcode and rapid lateral flow test strip ID
- enter your rapid lateral flow test result
- upload a picture of your completed rapid lateral flow test



This should only take around 5 minutes to complete and allows the evaluation team to gather information needed for the study.

The evaluation website lets you upload an image of your completed test so the NHS can do further analysis. Sending an image is optional. If you are struggling with this step, you can upload your test result without an image.



5 Return your PCR test

Each PCR test kit contains a return box with a prepaid return label and instructions for how to post the completed test kits to an NHS Test and Trace lab for analysis.



You must only use a Royal Mail priority postbox. It will be labelled with the Priority Box sign and one of the regional NHS logos.

Find your nearest priority postbox and its collection times at www.royalmail.com/services-near-you or via the Royal Mail app.

Do not enter any Post Office with your test kit.



Symptoms

If you have symptoms and they get worse, or do not get better after 7 days, visit NHS online at www.111.nhs.uk or call 111.

In case of medical emergency

If you have a medical emergency, or you think there is something seriously wrong, call 999.

If you have any issues or concerns

Please call the customer contact centre on 119. Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm.

England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland: 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). We offer support in 200 languages as well as British Sign Language.

Advantages of taking part

You will support the scale and speed at which national testing can safely be deployed. Increasing testing capacity is vital for allowing life to return to normal in as swift and as safe a manner as possible.

If your rapid lateral flow test is positive, you can use the PCR test as your confirmatory test.

Possible disadvantages of taking part

Taking part in the evaluation will require some of your time to complete multiple tests as well as to post the PCR test.

Throat and nose swabs can be uncomfortable, but they only last a few seconds. There may also be an increased risk of nosebleeds. However, PCR tests are safe to use, and to complete, even if you have not done one before.



What happens to the results of this evaluation

While primarily used to direct testing policy within the NHS Test and Trace, the NHS and DHSC may publish the evaluation findings through journal articles, press reports, presentations and conference papers. You will not be identified as a participant in any published materials or in any evaluation records.

Will anyone know I have taken part in this evaluation?

Information you provide will be pseudonymised, this means there is a code attached to the data so the team analysing the evaluation data can link to other datasets but not identify the result as yours. This code will however still allow NHS Test and Trace to identify you if there is a need to contact you about your result. This may occur for instance in the event that your PCR test identifies a new variant for which enhanced trace procedures are in place and we are obliged to inform you to ensure your safety, as well as the safety of your family, friends and contacts. In addition, results from this evaluation will be combined for analysis and results included within the analysis will not be identifiable to any one individual.

Privacy notice

You can read the full Coronavirus (COVID-19) testing: privacy information at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-testing-privacy-information> or scan the QR code.



QR code

We will collect personal information, including your age, the date, time, location, result of your rapid lateral flow test, and the result of your PCR test.

This information, together with your test results, will be provided to the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC). DHSC are the 'controller' for this use of personal data, they decide how it will be used and are responsible for it.

Other organisations who use your data and information as part of the service evaluation are acting as 'processors' on behalf of DHSC, can only do so with clear instructions from DHSC and cannot use your data and information for any other purpose.

The use of personal data by DHSC and its data processors is made lawful as it is being used for the protection of public health. We will keep all the information securely in accordance with the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UKGDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018.