

Rapid testing: What you need to know

One in three people **who have coronavirus have no symptoms** and will spread it without realising.

Regular testing of people without symptoms is important to help stop the virus spreading and protect your loved ones. As lockdown restrictions gradually ease, we all need to play our part to help protect each other.

Who is eligible for testing?

Secondary school pupils and primary and secondary school staff will have access to regular rapid lateral flow testing as schools reopen.

In addition, **households and childcare/support bubbles of school staff and all pupils should get tested too**. We've put together a handy chart to summarise this for you:

Who?	Eligible?	How to get tested
Primary school staff	Yes	Twice-weekly tests using a home test kit provided by the school
Primary school pupils	No	N/A
Households, childcare and support bubbles of primary-age pupils and of primary staff	Yes	Twice-weekly tests through one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Your employer (if they offer testing)- At one of our local rapid test centres- By ordering a home test kit online for delivery to your home or for collection at a PCR test site
Secondary school staff	Yes	Twice-weekly tests using a home test kit provided by the school
Secondary school pupils	Yes	Twice-weekly tests using a home test kit provided by the school (following three tests at their school)
Households, childcare and support bubbles of secondary-age pupils and of secondary staff	Yes	Twice-weekly tests through one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Your employer (if they offer testing)- At one of our local rapid test centres- By ordering a home test kit online for delivery to your home or for collection at a PCR test site

Accessing your tests

As explained above, schools will provide home test kits to secondary school children and secondary school staff; primary schools will provide home tests to primary school staff. If families of these pupils and staff would like to take up the offer of regular rapid testing, they can access tests in the following ways:



At one of our local rapid test centres – it only takes a few minutes to get tested and we will process the test for you – find out more by visiting: www.wokingham.gov.uk/community-testing



By ordering a home test kit online, for delivery (if you cannot get to a test site), or to collect from a community PCR test site: www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests

Please note, the nearest PCR test sites to collect home test kits from are located at Prospect Park, The University of Reading and Bracknell Leisure Centre. The full list of sites is available here: find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk

We are looking to offer this service from our rapid test centres in Wokingham Borough later this month. You can also access tests through your employer if they offer testing to employees.

Other important information



The test should be done twice-weekly – it involves taking a sample from your tonsils (or where they would have been) and from your nose, using a swab



Rapid tests are for people with no Covid-19 symptoms – if you have symptoms, book a test through the national site (www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test)



If your rapid test result comes back as positive, you should request a confirmatory PCR test through the national website (www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test)



You should inform the school of every lateral flow test result if it is positive – and if you test positive from your confirmatory PCR test

By getting regular rapid tests, you will help us find more Covid-19 cases and break chains of transmission. Thank you for playing your part in protecting our communities.