



Symptom-free COVID testing

Rapid symptom-free Covid-19 tests are also referred to as lateral flow tests or lateral flow device (LFT or LFD).

Regular, twice weekly rapid testing for people without symptoms is a vital part of the fight against Covid-19 and is a key part of the Government's roadmap for recovery.

One in three people don't have any Covid-19 symptoms, so don't know they have the virus. Rapid symptom free testing finds hidden cases, ensuring you don't pass it onto family members, friends or workmates, stopping the spread of the virus.

The symptom free test is a painless, quick and easy throat and nose swab and results are available within an hour.

Please note anyone who has previously received a positive COVID-19 PCR test result should not be re-tested within 90 days of that test, either by PCR or lateral flow test unless they develop any new symptoms of COVID-19 as this may still show a positive result due to previous infection.

Please also note that an LFD test taken on a school or community site does not require a confirmatory PCR test. Only LFD tests taken at home require a confirmatory PCR test.

Accessing symptom-free tests

Parents and carers and anyone else living with a school age child or young person are among the priority groups being given access to free home lateral flow testing kits to test themselves.

Information on how to access these can be found at

www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff

Take a test at a rapid lateral flow test site

You can take a rapid lateral flow test at a local site. Testing at these sites is assisted, which means you will swab yourself under the supervision of a trained operator. These are at Dudley Leisure Centre, Saltwells Education Centre, with pop-up sessions at Holy Trinity Church Community Centre in Wordsley, Lifecentral Church in Halesowen, St Andrews Church in Sedgley, St James Church in Wollaston and the Salvation Army Church in Lye.

There is also testing at more than 30 pharmacies across the borough. For details on where you can get a lateral flow test and to book visit

www.dudley.gov.uk/symptom-free-testing

Collect test kits

You can collect two packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Each pack contains seven tests.

Anyone 18 or over can collect. You can find local collection points and check online availability before you go. Click on link below to find your nearest collection point.

[Find your nearest home test kit collection point.](#)

Order home test kits online

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

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

[Order rapid lateral flow home test kits.](#)



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Prior to home testing

All parents and carers are strongly encouraged to have a lateral flow test at a local testing site prior to starting home testing, to learn how a test is undertaken.

Anyone unable to do regular home testing can go to one of the Dudley lateral flow testing centres.