

## Information on LFD Home Testing for COVID-19

Rapid testing helps to break chains of transmission by identifying individuals who are not showing symptoms however may still be transmitting the virus. A programme of coronavirus (COVID-19) asymptomatic rapid home testing will be provided to secondary schools and colleges. This is to safeguard the teaching workforce's health and keep as many staff and students in secondaries, colleges, special schools and alternative provision as possible. The tests will be carried out by using a Lateral Flow Device (LFD): Innova SARS-CoV2 Antigen Rapid Qualitative Test; these tests produce a result in 30 minutes and do not require laboratory processing. A video demonstrating how to carry out home testing has been posted to shared point alternatively the video can also be viewed on the NHS youtube page.

Information on consent, data processing and who should be tested:

### **Is testing compulsory?**

Testing is voluntary, and you will not be prevented from attending school if you do not take part. However, you are strongly encouraged to take part as the success of this public health measure depends on as many people participating as possible.

### **Privacy notice and consent**

Please read the privacy notice for home testing prior to commencing. This can be found on the school's website in the COVID-19 folder or in the COVID-19 folder in shared point. You do not need to give consent for home testing. Consent is given when opening and processing your test at home.

### **What if I have symptoms?**

If you have developed symptoms you must isolate at home and arrange for a PCR test to be carried out either at a test site or arrange for an at home PCR testing kit. An LFD test **must not** be used to confirm diagnosis of COVID-19 if you have developed already symptoms.

### **Do I still need to test myself if I have been vaccinated?**

You can still take an LFD test if you have been vaccinated. Guidance on this may change and this will be communicated to you.

### **Do I need to take an at home LFD test if I have had a positive COVID-19 PCR test in the last 90 days?**

If you have tested positive by PCR for COVID-19 within the last 90 days, you do not need to take an LFD test. Guidance on this may change and if so, this will be communicated to you. However, if you develop new Covid-19 symptoms you will need another confirmatory PCR test. Following a positive result, you will then need to follow the isolation protocol.

Information of testing protocol and results recording:

### **When should I take a test at home?**

Twice weekly testing should be carried out three to four days apart. Please carry out your test on a *Sunday and Wednesday evening* or on a *Monday and Thursday morning*.

### **How do I communicate my results?**

Results will need to be communicated to NHS test and trace the process for this is outlined in the leaflet handed to you. Results whether negative/positive, or void will also need to be sent via email to [covidstafftest@laretraite.co.uk](mailto:covidstafftest@laretraite.co.uk) with the results in the subject box.

### **What if I have a positive/void test result?**

If your LFD test is positive you must inform the school as well as NHS test and trace via the result recording procedure above, after which you must self-isolate and book a confirmatory PCR test. If your result is void you will need to take a second LFD at home. If the results of the second LFD are also void, you must self-isolate and take a confirmatory PCR test.

### **What is the procedure on ordering a new kit and incidence reporting?**

If you need a new test kit please email [covidstafftest@laretraite.co.uk](mailto:covidstafftest@laretraite.co.uk) and arrangements will be made for you to collect a new test kit. A risk assessment has been carried out for home testing and this can be found on the school's website in the COVID-19 folder or on the document folder in shared point. Please report any incidents to [covidstafftest@laretraite.co.uk](mailto:covidstafftest@laretraite.co.uk).

Home Testing Covid-Coordinator: Henna Ahamed ([hahamed@laretraite.co.uk](mailto:hahamed@laretraite.co.uk))