



COVID-19 Staff Testing Pathways Frimley ICS

Note for Care Homes: Please see separate pathway document for care home staff and residents


ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	
For the latest national guidance go to: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested	
TO BE ACCEPTED FOR TESTING YOU MUST BE:	
1.	An essential worker <u>with symptoms.</u> Essential workers list: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested#essential-workers
OR	
2.	Someone (adult or child) who lives with an essential worker <u>and has symptoms.</u> Note: For the National Routes 1 and 2 overleaf: Children aged under 5 years can be tested but must have the swab administered by a parent or guardian. For ICS Local Route 1 overleaf: the same will apply.
OR	
3.	Only available via National Routes 1 and 2 overleaf: A Social Care worker or an NHS worker <u>without symptoms.</u>
AND	
4.	The person to be tested must be ideally be within 3 days of symptoms developing , although testing can be effective up to day 5. If more than 5 days have elapsed since onset of symptoms the request for a test will be rejected, unless it is for a specific reason agreed on a case-by-case basis between the testing co-ordinators and local microbiologists.

Notes:

- **Testing sites:** At each site, the testing is run as a drive-through service (walk-in option at Reading University using the ICS Local Route 1 overleaf). Individuals must be booked to attend via one of the routes overleaf. Do not present to a testing site without an appointment.
- **Home Visits (ICS Local Route 1 only – see overleaf):** Visits can only be made to addresses within the Frimley ICS geography and its immediate surrounding area. Home visits will be only offered to people who cannot travel to testing sites either by driving themselves, or being driven by a member of their household. Subject to availability.
- **Mobile Testing Units (National Routes 1 and 2 only – see overleaf):** Mobile testing units travel around the UK to increase access to coronavirus testing. They respond to need, travelling to test essential workers at sites including care homes, police stations and prisons. New units are being brought into operation each day.
- **Home Testing Kits (National Routes 1 and 2 only – see overleaf):** Home testing kit availability will initially be limited but more will become available.
- **Arrangements for Testing:** Will vary depending on the requesting route overleaf, but are always made directly with the test subject, usually within 24hrs.
- **Results:** Are usually available within 72hrs and will be notified **to the person tested.** Results will not be notified directly to employers. It is the responsibility of staff members to notify their employer of their test results, or if they have been rejected for testing. NHS Digital are working on getting results sent to GP records.



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ICS Local Route 1 EBPC in partnership with BHFT (Route for employers of essential workers)	National Route 1: Employee Self-Referral via Government Online Portal (Route available to all essential workers)	National Route 2: Employer Referral via Government Online Portal (Route available to employers of essential workers)
<p>Employers can make requests to East Berkshire Primary Care Ltd (EBPC) via email at: ebpc.covid19@nhs.net or by phone on: 03000 770 007 The email address and phone line are staffed 7 days a week from 0900hrs to 1700hrs.</p> <p>Email test requests must use the form embedded here:</p>  <p>Pro Forma Staff Covid-19 Testing (No</p> <p>EBPC will collate all requests and if criteria are met will manage them via one of the following routes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer the request to the BHFT Testing Hub who will offer the subject a slot at one of their testing sites. • Provide the subject with a slot to attend the Farnborough testing site (next to Farnborough Airport) • Offer a home visit to people unable to travel to a testing site via private transport (Frimley ICS geography and immediate surrounding area only). 	<p>Essential workers can apply for testing directly using the self-referral portal at: https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/</p> <p>Applicants can select a regional test site drive-through appointment, or request a home test kit.</p> <p>Home test kit availability will initially be limited but more will become available.</p> <p>Mobile testing units are also becoming available across England</p>	<p>In order to obtain a login, employers of essential workers should email: portalservicedesk@dhsc.gov.uk</p> <p>Employers must give the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • organisation name • nature of the organisation's business • region • names (where possible) and email addresses of the 2 users who will load essential worker contact details onto the portal. <p>If referred through this portal, essential workers will receive a text message with a unique code to book a test for themselves or household member at a regional drive-through testing site.</p> <p>Other testing options becoming available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home test kits: Home test kit availability will initially be limited but more will become available. • Mobile testing units: Mobile testing units are also becoming available across England