

## FAQs - Testing

### 1. Can I be tested for coronavirus?

If you are self-isolating due to having coronavirus symptoms you can be tested.

Key workers and members of their household have priority access for testing in order to support them to return to work where it is safe for them to do so.

Further information on who can access priority testing can be found here:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested/>

### 2. Can a member or members of my household be tested?

Yes, you can book a test for yourself if you have symptoms or for your symptomatic household members at one of the testing sites in Scotland or request a home testing kit.

If you are not symptomatic, but you are a key worker and are self-isolating because a member(s) of your household has coronavirus symptoms, you can arrange testing for symptomatic member(s) of your household.

Only symptomatic members of the household can be tested and only four individuals can attend a test site at the same time. If you are symptomatic you can attend a test site with up to three other symptomatic members of your household for testing.

If you are not symptomatic, up to four symptomatic members of your household can attend a test site for testing without you.

Alternatively, up to five home test kits can be ordered by key workers for use by themselves (if symptomatic) or any symptomatic members of their household.

### 3. I do not have symptoms, but I am concerned that I may have been in contact with someone infected with coronavirus. Can I be tested?

The Scottish Government's testing programme has been extended to enable staff employed in schools and early learning and childcare settings to book a test when they are concerned that they may have come into contact with a person infected with coronavirus, but are not showing any symptoms.

A non-symptomatic test is only available to staff in schools and early learning and childcare settings and is only available through employer referral.

### 4. I am a key worker, how do I arrange a test for myself or a household member?

If you or a member of your household are experiencing symptoms of coronavirus, or if you are a non-symptomatic employee working in schools or early learning/childcare settings, you should contact your line manager immediately in order for you to be referred to the testing portal. It is important that you act quickly because testing is only effective within the first 3 days of your symptoms starting.

Your line manager will ask you for information including your mobile number and car registration (for the car that will be used when attending the test site) and they will submit a request for testing to the Employer Referral Portal.

Once the referral is completed by your line manager you will receive a text message with a unique invitation code to book a test for yourself (if symptomatic) or your symptomatic household member(s) at a regional testing centre.

A link will be provided to the online portal for you to register your personal details.

Once you have registered your details via the online portal you will be directed to the appointment booking system to book a specific slot at the regional testing centre.

The text message received by will say:

*Visit [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus). Under 'Testing for coronavirus' select 'Book a test if you have a verification code'. Enter the verification code XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-XXXX*

**5. I am not a key worker, how do I arrange a test for myself or a household member?**

You can use this [self help guide: access to testing for coronavirus](#) on NHS Inform to help you select and book the right test.

**6. What kinds of tests are offered?**

The test confirms if an individual currently has the virus. There are two options for individuals to get tested:

- Driving to a regional test site OR
- Requesting a home test kit which will be delivered to your home

Please note that regional test centres that operate the drive-through function have a limit of four people per car.

Up to five home test kits can be ordered for use by yourself (if symptomatic) or any symptomatic members of your household.

**7. I am not symptomatic, but have arranged tests for symptomatic members(s) of my household. Do I need to attend the test site?**

If you have booked a test on behalf of a member of your household, you do not have to attend the test site with the household member. As long as that symptomatic individual's name has been booked as the person who needs the test, it will be their name on the list at the test site.

**8. Should I attend work while I await test results?**

You should not attend work while awaiting test results if you are being tested because you or a household member are experiencing symptoms or because you have been advised by a contract tracer to self-isolate because of confirmed close contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19.

If you are a school employee who is not symptomatic you should attend work as normal while you await test results.

**9. If I test negative, can I come back to work straight away?**

If you have a negative test result you should only return to work if you feel well enough to do so.

If everyone with symptoms who was tested in your household receive a negative result, you can return to work immediately, providing you are well enough, and have not had a fever for 48 hours.

If a household member tests positive, but you test negative, you can return to work on day eight from the start of your symptoms if you feel well enough and have not had a fever for 48 hours.

If you do not have symptoms but a household member tests positive, you should continue to self-isolate in line with national guidance

If, after returning to work, you later develop symptoms you should follow national guidance and self-isolate.

**10. I am a key worker, will my line manager be told if I test positive for coronavirus?**

No. Test results are not returned to employers.

It is your responsibility to discuss your test result with your line manager as part of your return to work conversation.

**11. Can contractors and part time staff be tested through the employer referral portal?**

Yes. Contractors and part time staff can be referred for testing through the employer referral portal.

**12. What support is available if I am having difficulty booking a test?**

There is a Coronavirus Testing Call Centre for employees who have been referred or booked a test, which can be contacted on 0300 303 2713. Lines are open daily 08:00 – 20:00. This call centre does not offer medical advice.