

Lateral Flow Testing - Some Frequently Asked Questions

Question	Answer
<p>What should you do after the test?</p>	<p>ALL Positive, negative and void results should be reported to both NHS Test & Trace and CAFRE via the online form.</p> <p>If you have a positive test you should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • self-isolate immediately in line with NHS Test and Trace guidance; • report your result to NHS Test and Trace; • report your result to CAFRE via the online form; • order a confirmatory PCR test if you have tested positive. The confirmatory PCR test should be taken within two days of the positive LFD test; • Report the results of your PCR test to your campus Student Services Manager. <p>If the result of the test is unclear (void) you will need to do another test.</p> <p>A negative result does not guarantee that you are not carrying the virus. So, you should continue to follow social distancing and other measures to reduce transmission such as regularly washing your hands.</p> <p>If you or anyone in your household gets symptoms of the virus you should follow national guidelines on self-isolation and testing.</p>
<p>Do I need to give consent?</p>	<p>Students do not give written consent to take part in the home testing programme unless the student does not have the capacity to provide informed consent in which case consent in writing must be completed by the parent or legal guardian.</p> <p>Please read the information below on how personal information and test results are shared and the privacy notice Coronavirus (COVID-19) testing: privacy information - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p> <p>Once you open the kit you should take and report the results of the tests to NHS Test & Trace and CAFRE via the online form, regardless of the result (positive, negative, or void).</p>
<p>Reporting problems or issues with testing</p>	<p>If there is an issue with the test kit, for example something is missing, please report it by calling 119 and please also tell your Campus Student Services Manager.</p> <p>If an accident or injury happens whilst using the test kit, please seek medical care by calling 111 (or 999 if it is an emergency). Please also report what happened using this website: https://coronavirus-yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk/</p>
<p>What type of tests will be used?</p>	<p>We will be providing students with Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests for use at home. They are a fast and simple way to test people who do not have symptoms of COVID-19, but who may still be spreading the virus.</p> <p>The tests are easy to use and give results in 30 minutes.</p> <p>Further information: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/understanding-lateral-flow-antigen-testing-for-people-without-symptoms</p>
<p>Are LFD tests accurate?</p>	<p>Lateral Flow Device tests identify people who are likely to be infectious. These individuals tend to spread the virus to many people and so identifying them through this test is important.</p> <p>These tests have been widely and successfully used to detect COVID-19 in asymptomatic individuals and are approved by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA). The speed and convenience of the tests supports the detection of the virus in asymptomatic individuals, who would not otherwise have got tested.</p> <p>The tests are highly specific, with low chance of false positives. They are also very sensitive and are able to identify the majority of the most infectious yet asymptomatic individuals. Extensive evaluation has been carried out on the tests</p>

	<p>and it shows that they are both accurate and sensitive enough to be used in the community for screening and surveillance purposes.</p> <p>It is important to remember that these tests are only an aid to help stop the spread of the virus and you should continue to follow other guidance such as on wearing face coverings and social distancing.</p>
How are LFD tests different to PCR tests?	<p>There are 2 main types of test to check if you have coronavirus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) tests check for the genetic material (RNA) of the virus in the sample - you send the sample for processing at a lab; and • Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests detect proteins called 'antigens' produced by the virus - they give rapid results within 30 minutes.
What does it mean if I have a positive result?	<p>If you have a positive test you should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • self-isolate immediately in line with NHS Test and Trace guidance; • report your result to NHS Test and Trace; • report your result to CAFRE via the online form; • book a confirmatory PCR test if you have tested positive. The confirmatory PCR test should be taken within two days of the positive LFD test; • report the results of your PCR test to your campus Student Services Manager.
What does it mean if I have a negative result?	<p>A negative result does not guarantee that you are not carrying the virus. So, you should continue to follow social distancing, and other measures to reduce transmission such as wearing a face mask and regularly washing your hands.</p> <p>All test results need to be reported to both NHS Test & Trace and CAFRE via the online form.</p>
What if I have a void result?	<p>If the result of the test is unclear (void), you should take another one. If the next test is also void, you should take a PCR test. You can book a test here.</p> <p>All test results need to be reported to both NHS Test & Trace and CAFRE via the online form.</p>
Do I need to send the test to a lab?	<p>No. The LFD tests supplied do not need to be sent to a laboratory to get a result and can give a quick result in around 30 minutes. Guidance on self-testing is contained in the 'Instructions for Use' leaflet, which comes with the test kit. There is also a useful video to show you how to administer the test.</p>
How do you report the result?	<p>All test results need to be reported to both NHS Test & Trace and CAFRE via the online form.</p> <p>Once you have taken the test, you will need to report the result online (whether it is positive, negative or void) using this service. You will receive a text or email from NHS Test & Trace confirming that you have reported your test result.</p> <p>You also need to tell CAFRE the test result via the online form on either the CAFRE website or Moodle.</p>
Can someone else in my household use a test kit sent home from College?	<p>No, the test kits provided are for the use of the recipient only.</p>
How will personal information and test results be shared?	<p>To report your result, you will need to share some information about yourself, so that your test result can be traced.</p> <p>You need to tell NHS Test & Trace:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • your name • your test result • the reference number on the test kit <p>You will also need to tell CAFRE your test result. Under UK law, CAFRE will collect and store test result data because it is in the 'public interest'. CAFRE will only share information with the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) if the test kits used are found to be faulty. If this happens, DHSC will use our</p>

information to contact people who used the faulty tests, so that they can be tested again.

When you report test results online, you are sharing information with DHSC. They will share it with your GP, local government, NHS, and Public Health Agency. This is so that they can offer you health services and guidance if you need to self-isolate. They might also use your data anonymously (without your name or contact information) to research COVID-19, and improve our understanding of the virus.

For more information on how personal data is used for testing please see the detailed privacy notice [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) testing: privacy information - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/coronavirus-covid-19-testing-privacy-information).