

# Lateral Flow Testing



Accessible and easy to use



No lab required, with fast results



Safe technology

Asymptomatic  
Testing  
- at **HOME**





# THANK YOU!

Staff and student response to testing has been fantastic so far...

- Over 90% of 2A and Transition students attended their 1<sup>st</sup> Test (8/9 March)
  - Nearly 80% of 1A students have already given consent for testing due to start next week and this keeps increasing daily
  - Over 175 staff have already begun home testing
  - **It's not too late to join the testing programme** – if you missed your first test you can still attend your second appointment
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# Home Testing

Home testing of staff and students without symptoms, will help to break chains of transmission and support the continued operation of face-to-face learning.

Staff and students are being asked to:

- carry out twice weekly testing at home (3 to 4 days apart) before coming into college in the morning
- maintain Covid-safety measures including ‘hands-face-space’

Remember – even with a negative result, there is still a small chance that you could be carrying low levels of the virus, or you could pick it up soon after taking your test. Therefore, it is essential that you continue to **‘Act like you have it’** by complying with Covid-safety guidance to keep our community safe.

# Home Test Kits

Tests issued by the college are only for the use of the person assigned the kit, they should not be taken by anyone else.

Families/households of college students and staff are now also entitled to access two weekly Lateral Flow Tests:

- through their employer if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test site
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit online

You can read more information on how to access tests through each of these means here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff#how-to-get-a-rapid-lateral-flow-test>.

# Symptomatic Testing (PCR TESTS)

- The Asymptomatic Home Testing programme does not replace current guidance for those with symptoms or those identified as a close contact of a positive case.
- Anyone with symptoms, whether they are involved in the Home Testing Programme or not, should book a free NHS test and follow government self-isolation guidance until the results of their PCR test are known.
- Testing also does not replace basic preventative measures such as regular handwashing, PPE and social distancing.

# Test Appointments



Covid-19 Lateral Flow Testing

Consent Form, Appointments & Results

Please provide consent and check appointments

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- **Test 1** will take place at college whilst lessons are suspended because students being tested must have a negative result before returning to classes
- **Test 2** will take place at college whilst lessons are taking place - students may need to leave a lesson to take their test in the Sports Hall but can go back to lesson afterwards (as long as Test 1<sup>st</sup> was negative)
- All students will be offered **3 Supervised Onsite Tests** to ensure good understanding of how to collect the test sample through accurate self-swabbing
- **Home testing will be introduced from 15<sup>th</sup> March** to avoid any gaps in the testing timeline during Distance Learning weeks
- **2A & 1A students** will be issued with a first home-test kit when they attend for Test 2 and further kits when they attend for their final supervised test (Test 5).
- **Transition students** will be issued with home-test kits when they attend for Test 3.

# Testing Timeline

	Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Tues 30 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Trans- ition	<b>Test 1</b> - Onsite	<b>Test 2</b> – Onsite	<b>Test 3</b> – Onsite	Test 4 – at home	Test 5 – at home	Test 6 – at home	Test 7 – at home	Test 8 – at home
2A	<b>Test 1</b> – Onsite	<b>Test 2</b> – Onsite	Test 3 – at home (Distance Learning)	Test 4 – at home (Distance Learning)	<b>Test 5</b> – Onsite	Test 6 – at home	Test 7 – at home (Distance Learning)	Test 8 – at home (Distance Learning)
1A	(Distance Learning)	(Distance Learning)	<b>Test 1</b> – Onsite	<b>Test 2</b> – Onsite	Test 3 – at home (Distance Learning)	Test 4 – at home (Distance Learning)	<b>Test 5</b> – Onsite	Test 6 – at home

NB: Government guidance suggests testing should continue during the Easter break – we will issue test-kits gradually as we receive deliveries from the DfE.

# Home Testing

## Participation in Home Testing is voluntary

If you choose to participate you are committing to self-administer the test and report your results via the NHS Test & Trace digital platform and to the college via MyProgress

Before taking your test, you must do three things:

1. **Read the privacy statement** on MyProgress to understand what will happen with your data.
2. Read the **Instructions for Use v1.3.2** (You will be issued with a hard copy along with your first home test kit and there is a link to a digital copy on MyProgress)
3. Log into MyProgress and click on the **Home Testing Alert** – here you will find guidance for testing at home, a list of all test-kits you have been issued with and instructions for recording results on MyProgress and the NHS Test & Trace digital platform

People who decline to participate in the home testing programme should follow the usual national guidelines on self-isolation and get tested if they show symptoms.

# How do I test at home?

- Follow the guidance in MyProgress to conduct your home test
- For home testing you are providing consent by taking the test – you do not need to provide written consent
- **You are required to report the results of your tests online, or by phone, every time you take a test, even if the result was negative or void - MyProgress will tell you what to do if you have a positive result**
- Education settings are not able to view the results that their staff and students have uploaded to the NHS Test & Trace digital platform, therefore **you must also report your results via MyProgress**
- Students aged 12-17 should be supervised by an adult for a home test but can swab themselves; students aged 18+ can test and report results independently
- If you have any queries about Home Testing you can ask your tutor or contact [studentservices@collyers.ac.uk](mailto:studentservices@collyers.ac.uk)

# Positive Results

- It is recommended that you **test yourself in the morning** before attending college (so there is less chance you get infected between taking the test and attending college). However, you may choose to do the testing the evening before, especially the first time, to give you more time to get accustomed to the test.
- If you receive a positive home test result you should book a confirmatory PCR test. We would advise visiting a community or drive through test site as this is the quickest way to get tested, or you can order a home test kit. It is important that you and your close contacts self-isolate until the result of your PCR test.
- If you receive a positive result, please contact the college straight away via the absence line or email [absence@collyers.ac.uk](mailto:absence@collyers.ac.uk)

# Testing FAQ

**I am currently taking regular Covid-19 tests due to my part-time job, do I need to take tests at college?**

We can only record the results of tests taken at college so we would prefer that you are tested at college if possible. Testing is voluntary but we do strongly urge all students and staff to participate in order to keep our community safe.

**I have a medical condition which means I cannot take a nasal swab, is it possible to still take a test?**

Yes – it is possible to just take a throat swab for the test in this circumstance. Similarly, if someone can't tolerate a throat swab it is possible to just take a nasal swab.

# Testing FAQ

## **I have recently had Covid-19 – do I need to take the test?**

If you have tested positive by PCR for COVID-19, you will probably have developed some immunity to the disease. However, it cannot be guaranteed that everyone will develop immunity, or how long it will last. It is possible for PCR tests to remain positive for some time after COVID-19 infection. Anyone who has previously received a positive COVID-19 PCR test result should not be re-tested within 90 days of that test, unless they develop any new symptoms of COVID-19. If, however, you do have a lateral flow test within 90 days of a previous positive COVID-19 PCR test, and the result of this test is positive, you and your household should self-isolate in line with NHS Test & Trace guidance.

## **Should someone who has been vaccinated take a Lateral Flow test?**

Yes, we do not yet know conclusively whether vaccines prevent individuals transmitting the virus. The vaccine does not interfere with the antigen LFD or PCR tests.