**Cumbria County Council Public Health Update**

**30 April 2021**

1. **Lateral Flow Device Testing**

As you are all aware, the Government recently re-introduced the need for a confirmatory PCR after receiving a positive LFT result. We are aware that the guidance can be incredibly confusing so we have included a diagram below which will hopefully make it easier for schools, parents and pupils alike, to understand and follow the guidance.

We have highlighted the actions to take when the LFT is positive, negative and also what to do if the result has been accidentally recorded as positive. The continued recording of these results help the Team manage cases and ensure that no-one needs to isolate unnecessarily.

It is vital that staff continue to test themselves and report results as well as actively encourage secondary school and college students to do the same. LFD testing is not recommended for children of primary school age or younger.

Testing continues to play a crucial role, in and out of classrooms, in the fight against COVID-19. The reporting of these results supports contact tracing in the event of a positive case and also assists in the understanding of community rates of infection.

1. **Updated Resource Packs being produced**

The Public Health Education team have been busy over the past month updating the COVID-19 resource packs and flow charts for educational settings. In order to make the packs easy to follow, we are developing separate packs for childminders, PVI providers, primary schools, secondary schools and specialist residential settings.

We have already started to contact educational settings in Cumbria to ensure you are all aware of the packs and also to see if there are any issues cropping up that we can provide further support and advice around.

The secondary school and residential settings packs are now finalised and are available online [here](https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/coronavirus/education.asp). The rest will be added in the next couple of weeks.

Any queries about this update, please contact the Cumbria County Council Public Health Team by emailing EducationIPC@cumbria.gov.uk

**Lateral Flow Device Testing**

**Guidance when Reporting**

**NEGATIVE LFT**

**INCORRECTLY RECORDED LFT RESULT**

(The true result of the LFT was Negative but it has been accidentally recorded as Positive)

**POSITIVE LFT**

**NO FURTHER ACTION NEEDED**

**Because you have (a) followed up with another negative LFT straight away and (b) recorded the result immediately, this enables the national system to recognise a falsely recorded result.**

**NEGATIVE PCR**

**Isolation can stop.**

**Please remember: the PCR must be within 48 hours**

**POSITIVE PCR**

**Continue to isolate & follow the guidance**

**ISOLATE PENDING THE PCR RESULT**

**Once the PCR result is known, you will be contacted by Track and Trace who will advise you of your result**

**ARRANGE A PCR TEST ASAP**

**(must be within 48 hours)**

**RECORD THE RESULT IMMEDIATELY**

**TAKE ANOTHER LFT STRAIGHT AWAY**

**RECORD THE RESULT IMMEDIATELY**

**NO FURTHER ACTION NEEDED**

**RECORD THE NEGATIVE RESULT IMMEDIATELY**