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NHS Test and Trace

COVID-19 testing for adult day care centres

We are pleased to announce that NHS Test and Trace are offering weekly PCR home testing to adult day care centre workers in England. We are doing this in an effort to reduce infection risk in adult day care centres that are currently open for essential activities and to identify any positive cases in these settings as early as possible.

Who is eligible?

Day care centres that are run by paid care staff and deemed critical to be open during lockdown by Local Authorities. Services must be for adults over 18 and provided within non-residential care settings that support the health and wellbeing of adults. This includes settings such as:

- purpose-built day centres

- day centres attached to or part of a care home or supported living

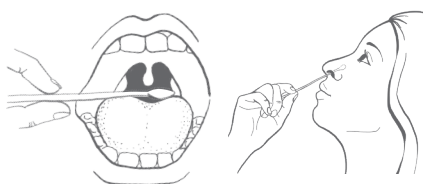- other buildings in communities specifically used for regular adult day care

How testing works for day care centres

Adult day care centres will be eligible to conduct weekly testing for all workers (including volunteers, full-time staff, part-time staff, specialists, and private transport drivers that service users use to attend your centre).

Test kits will be delivered to adult day care centres

Day care workers should pick up 4 test kits every 28 days and test at home.

Workers will complete test kits at home Thursday - Sunday

All tests need to be registered online and returned on the same day via a Royal Mail Priority Postbox.

Workers should take the test every 7 days

Results arrive via email and text message. If positive, workers should self-isolate immediately for 10 days. NHS Test and Trace will be in touch for contact tracing.

How to sign up for the testing service

To be on-boarded onto our testing system, your centre will first need to register using an online referral form: **https://request-onboarding.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/**. This referral form is required so that your centre can receive a Unique Organisation Number (UON) to order and register test kits.

To complete the form, you will need to enter:

- The referral UON: **99915258** (you will only need this referral number once and it cannot be used to place orders for test kits)

- Address and contact details about your centre

- Number of staff in your centre (including volunteers, full-time staff, part-time staff, specialists, and private transport drivers)

- Number of non-staff: enter the estimated number of people who attend your centre monthly (you will only be sent kits for your staff; this information will only be used for our records)

- Your local authority (please note: it is essential you enter the correct local authority or your application is likely to be rejected)

How to order test kits

After you complete the online referral form, it will be reviewed by your Local Authority to confirm that you are eligible for testing. This review process will take up to 7 - 10 working days.

If approved, you will receive a UON from the email address organisation. **coronavirus.testing@notifications.service.gov.uk**

You will then be eligible to order test kits online at **https://request-testing.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk**

Resources for support

To receive more detailed information about how to manage testing in your centre, please sign up using the below link for our interactive webinars. These sessions will include a live Q&A with representatives from NHS Test & Trace who will be able to answer your questions.
https://event.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1427241&tp_key=a845a50900

The following resources are also available for your review:

SCIE guidance on delivering safe, face-to-face adult day care:
www.scie.org.uk/care-providers/ coronavirus-covid-19/day-care/ safe-delivery/about

SCIE guidance on re-opening day care services:
www.scie.org.uk/care-providers/ coronavirus-covid-19/day-care/ safe-delivery/re-opening

NHS Guidance on how to get tested:
www.gov.uk/guidance/ coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested

DHSC Guidance for Adult Social Care:
www.gov.uk/government/ collections/coronavirus-covid-19- social-care-guidance