

Workplace Testing

If you have signed up to regular workplace testing, we have produced some tips to remember. These are based on experience from other settings using the lateral flow testing. These also apply if staff seek lateral flow testing through other ways; i.e. at a community testing site, collecting kits from a testing site or being sent kits to use at home.

- The workplace tests are lateral flow devices. These are different to PCR tests and should be used for different situations.
- If a staff member has Covid-19 symptoms, they must still **book a PCR test**. This is the test that detects the genetic information of the virus and takes about 24-48 hours to get the result.
- If a staff member requires testing on return from travel abroad, they must still **take a PCR test**.
- Regular lateral flow testing can identify infectious people with no symptoms. Staff should only do lateral flow testing if they do **not** have Covid-19 symptoms and have **not** had Covid-19 in the last 90 days
- Both positive and negative results should be registered. This is important for a number of reasons, including; so that Test and Protect can get in touch if necessary, to understand the number of kits being used and the rate of positive results.
- Staff must continue to follow all other measures **even if they test negative**; no test is perfect so they may have Covid-19 but test negative. Alternatively, they could still be developing the infection or be exposed after being tested.
- More info: If you are interested in introducing workplace testing <https://www.gov.scot/news/workplace-testing-expanded/>

Other testing: if a staff member has symptoms, they should book a PCR test. Ask them to book online or call the National Testing Centre on 0300 303 2713.

For information on other ways to access lateral flow (rapid) testing, see our NHSG Community Testing page (<https://www.nhsgrampian.org/covid-19/covid-19-public-information/subpages/covid-19-community-testing/>) and the SG Community Testing page (<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested/pages/community-testing/and>)