



COVID 19 Self-Testing and Self-Isolating

Effective Date March 8 2021

Overview

This document summarises information provided to EMS Teachers and Schools regarding EMS policy for COVID 19 Self-Testing and Self-Isolating in the event of a positive result.

- All EMS staff engaged in face-to-face teaching from the general 'return to school' on 8th March 2021 should take twice-weekly tests.
- This includes permanent, temporary and voluntary and visiting school staff.
- Test results – positive or negative – should be reported to EMS for our information and action as required.
- The procedure for obtaining test kits is described in the letter circulated to all EMS Teachers by the EMS Assistant Head of Service (Pupils and Teachers) on 3 March 2021 (see below).
- Test results are to be uploaded to a form hosted on the EMS website - [COVID 19 Self Testing](#) - reproduced below)
- Details of positive results are forwarded to EMS SLT members for their attention.

The protocol for self-Isolating is detailed in document EMS209 COVID19 – Information for Teachers, and this is published through the EMS website at [COVID-19-information-for-teachers](#).

Letter to all EMS Teachers Dated 3 March 2021

Return to school – Week beginning 8th March – Testing Information for Primary and Secondary School Staff

All staff are required to return to school and resume face to face teaching next week beginning 8th March - unless alternative arrangements have been agreed between yourselves and any of your schools. If you will not be returning to any of your schools for any reason, you need to let us know.

Upon returning to school, all teaching and non-teaching staff of primary and secondary schools should take twice-weekly tests. This includes permanent, temporary and voluntary and visiting school staff such as yourselves.

Rapid, regular testing for new groups is one of a range of new measures designed to minimise the spread of COVID-19 and support the successful return of more learners to face-to-face education and childcare settings. Testing is an additional tool, working in conjunction with other protective measures that are in place in schools to help protect staff and students including social distancing, handwashing and face covering.

Getting a rapid test is quick and convenient. The expanded regular testing offer for people without symptoms will be delivered through:

- Testing in-person via workplace testing for example at your school if they support this local authority test sites
- Collection at a local PCR test site during specific test collection time windows
- A home ordering service, which was launched on 1 March and will allow people to order lateral flow tests online to be delivered to their home

Please visit the <https://www.gov.uk/find-covid-19-lateral-flow-test-site.uk> site to see where your nearest test centre is to either get tested or get test kits.



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Your schools may also be able to provide you with tests. Before you go in, contact them and see if they are happy for you to take their tests as they will have some available for staff.

This measure is in place to protect everyone in addition to safety measures and use of PPE. Please note, you will need to take the test even if you have already received the vaccine.

If you have any questions or concerns about this, please contact <EMS/AH Teachers & Pupils>.

COVID 19 Self Testing Results

EMS teachers are requested to complete a COVID Lateral Flow Test twice a week from home, preferably on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. The Lateral Flow Test (LFT) does not require laboratory processing and provides results in around 30 minutes. Comprehensive guidance on self-testing is contained in the 'Instructions for use' leaflet which come with the test kit, and a video showing how to administer the test can be found at: [LFD SELF TESTING](#)

Please use the form to register your test results and the test report forwarded by the testing service for EMS records. (Where you receive test results by email, we recommend 'printing' the emails to pdf and uploading the pdf file).

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Opt-in to testing and reporting? *

Please select

Name * **Email ***

Date of Test * **Time of Test *** **Test Reference Code *** **Test Result ***

Test Results Report

Drop files or click to select files to Upload