

Guidance for community pharmacy key worker covid-19 testing

1. Eligibility

Tests can only be performed for:

- community pharmacists or key workers in community pharmacy who are currently unable to work due to having symptoms themselves or a family member having symptoms and in self-isolation
- family members of community pharmacy key workers who have symptoms and have caused the community pharmacy key worker to self-isolate
- people aged over 18

2. Where to go

The site is a drive-thru testing site based at Manchester Airport with appointments for community pharmacy between 1:30pm and 3pm each day. Please go to:

Manchester Airport Staff South, Altrincham WA15 8XJ

2.1. How to get there

You should not use public transport or taxis, you should drive yourself, or be driven by a member of the household that you are self-isolating with.

Individuals who do not live in the same house must not carpool or provide lifts, even if all individuals are symptomatic.

Vehicle registration number provided in advance should be the vehicle in which you attend the appointment.

If the individual requiring testing is being driven by someone else, please ensure they are sitting in the passenger seat behind the driver, as opposed to the front, to help the testers.

2.2. What you need to take with you

1. Ensure you arrive in the vehicle which was registered
2. Appointment confirmation email on a mobile device or printed (see next page for an example)
3. Smart phone which was registered (this is used to communicate with the individual on site and to register your test online before leaving the test centre)
4. Photo ID for the person being tested and ID for the community pharmacy key worker (if not the same person)

2.3. What to do when you arrive

- Remain in the car at all times, with the windows up unless otherwise instructed
- Show photo ID, keeping the car windows closed
- Staff will give you direction on how to use the throat and nose swab

3. Results

Individuals tested will receive a text to the mobile number they provided within 72 hours of the test being administered. Only the individual will currently receive the results.

Email Invite Example

National Test Centre Programme – Instructions before attending a test centre (TF)

You have been nominated by your NHS Trust to take part in a COVID-19 test.

You have been selected because you are:

- An NHS key worker who has symptoms of COVID-19 and are following government guidelines on self-isolating
- A member of an NHS key worker's household, and you have symptoms of COVID-19, and the NHS key worker is following government guidelines and self-isolating

Your NHS Trust will advise you when to attend the test centre. **Please attend at the specified time and ensure that upon receipt of your invitation email you immediately reply with the required contact information.**

If you have not provided your full contact information to the NHS Trust, you will be turned away at the Test Centre.

Am I eligible for this test?

You have been nominated for this because you are self-isolating following government guidelines.

If you are self-isolating because *you* are displaying symptoms then ***you are eligible*** to take this test yourself.

If you are an NHS worker self-isolating because *someone else in your household* is displaying symptoms, and that person is over the age of 18 then ***they are eligible to take the test*** - not you. In this instance all adult household members are eligible for testing.

If you are an NHS worker self-isolating because an under 18 year old in your household is displaying symptoms then ***you are not eligible*** – this is because this test centre cannot currently test minors. Please contact your NHS Trust who will be able to advise on this.

If you are self-isolating but neither a member of your household or you are displaying symptoms then ***you are not eligible***

Instructions whilst at the test centre

You will need to follow all of these instructions when you visit the test centre:

- To avoid risk of cross-contamination, our centre is a drive-thru. You must arrive by car (not on foot, via public transport, by taxi or by any other means). Only people from your household may be in the car with you
- **Do not exit the car at any point whilst on site**
- Please note, toilet facilities will not be available
- When you arrive at the main gate **DO NOT** lower your windows
- Once you are on site, we will use the car registration that you have provided to identify you – this is how you will be given access to the site
- Please press photographic ID against the window for site security to see
- You will be directed to a testing lane, where a member of our trained National Testing Team will instruct you to lower your window to carry out a COVID-19 test.

When you are at the test station please:

- Park with your handbrake on
- Turn your engine off
- Turn your radio off
- Turn off your mobile phone or the mobile phone of anyone else in the vehicle

Details about your test

The test you will receive is throat and nose swab test.

You will not be required to leave the car to take this test. If you are unable to drive yourself, please arrange for someone within your household to drive you to site, and then you sit in the back seat on the drivers side. Please under no circumstances risk contaminating anyone else by asking someone who is not in your household to take you to a test centre.

After your test

After you have been tested please drive away and leave the centre. Following guidance of on-site traffic operatives.

Please stay at home and continue to follow government guidelines of self-isolation throughout this process.

Receiving your results

We will contact you by text message on the mobile number you have provided with your test results as soon as these are ready. These may take up to 72 hours.

Once you have received your results please contact your NHS Trust informing them of your results and follow the relevant government guidance.

Details about the test centre

We are only testing priority NHS key workers. Therefore please do not share details about the test centres with anyone else.