**COVID-19 health and social care PCR swab test**

**Information for employers**

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The following guidance will tell you:

* **Who** is eligible for testing;
* **How** employers can refer staff for a PCR swab test via the East London Health Care Partnership offer.

**Eligibility:**

This service is available to staff who live and work within the NE London area. The offer also applies to those staff that work in NE London, but live in the surrounding London boroughs of Greenwich, Lewisham, Southwark, Islington, Haringey, Bexley and Enfield together with the Brentwood Borough and Thurrock unitary councils who fit within the following criteria:

NHS and Social Care staff, and members of their household **who have symptoms**, whatever their age, have access to priority testing as part of this process. COVID-19 symptomatic children within the household of NHS or social care staff can be booked in to be tested. However, the parent/accompanying adult parent must perform the swab unless the child is of an age/ability where they can self-swab.

**Staff at the test site will not perform PCR Swab tests on presenting adults or children.**

If the parent does not feel comfortable swabbing their child they should not book the test.

See guidance on coronavirus testing:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested#who-can-be-tested>

**Access and process:**

A PCR swab test can be obtained through a drive-through site or by booking a home test kit.Home testing kits will be delivered and collected the following day (Monday to Friday) by courier.

***Employers are reminded that symptomatic staff or members of their household referred and booking a home test must ensure someone is home and able to receive / pass the completed test back to the courier as booked. Failure to comply will result in the booking being void. If a home test is still required employers will have to refer the individual for PCR swab test again.***

**Employer referrals can be made here:**

[**https://nhscovidtestlondon.onk2.com/**](https://nhscovidtestlondon.onk2.com/)

**East London Health and Care Partnership PCR Swab Test Booking Offer**