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Symptom-free testing for workplaces

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Evidence shows that around 1 in 3 people who test positive for COVID-19 have no symptoms at all.

These asymptomatic people can spread the virus unknowingly, in workplaces and in the community. That is why the testing of people without symptoms is vital.

Employee testing is quick and easy

Swabbing and processing symptom-free tests can be conducted at home by the employee.

Rapid 'lateral flow tests' are used that give results within 30 minutes, without needing to send them to a laboratory.

The tests are designed to be easy to use and require minimal training to operate.

The testing programme

Employees need to be tested regularly (repeat testing every 3 to 5 days). This is because sometimes it can be too early in the infection to show up a positive result on a test. For this reason, workplaces must use symptom-free testing in conjunction with other measures such as:

- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Washing hands regularly
- Social distancing
- Sticking to national guidelines at all times

We must not relax any of these measures – this testing programme is in addition to them and is to identify asymptomatic cases so that they can self-isolate more quickly.

Workplace collect scheme

We can arrange for you to collect packs of (7) test kits that you issue to your staff.

They can then test themselves at home prior to coming to work. The staff member is responsible for registering the results on the national system.

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