## **COVID-19 Testing** A quick guide:



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What to do if	Action needed	Back to normal
I or someone in my household have COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*	<ul> <li>Get a test ONLY for the person who is displaying symptoms</li> <li>To get a test visit www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or call 119. The service can get really busy. If you can't get a test straight away or at a location near to you please keep trying. It's really important you stay self-isolated during this time</li> <li>The whole household MUST self-isolate while waiting for test result</li> <li>Inform workplace/school immediately about test result</li> </ul>	If the test comes back negative and the individual is no longer experiencing symptoms
Someone in my house tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul> <li>The individual who has tested positive MUST self-isolate for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test)</li> <li>Household members MUST NOT attend school or the workplace</li> <li>Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - EVEN if someone else tests negative during those 14 days</li> </ul>	After isolation periods are over, <b>not before</b>
NHS Test and Trace has identified me as a 'close contact' of somebody with confirmed COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul> <li>Self-isolate for 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace)</li> <li>Rest of your household does not need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too</li> <li>Do NOT get a test, unless you develop symptoms during the isolation period</li> </ul>	When you have completed 14 days of self-isolation, EVEN if you test negative during those 14 days
I have travelled and have to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine	<ul> <li>Self-isolate for 14 days – you only need to get a test if you develop symptoms.</li> <li>Even if you test negative during those 14 days you must still self-isolate for the full 14 days</li> <li>Others in the household <b>ONLY</b> need to isolate if they also travelled with you.</li> </ul>	When the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed, EVEN if you test negative during those 14 days
I am not sure who should get a test for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul> <li>Only people with symptoms* need to get a test.</li> <li>People with no symptoms should NOT get tested, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive. (The only exception to this is if you are part of a specific testing programme or study)</li> </ul>	When conditions above, as matching your situation, are met

\* Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste. See more at: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms