

# Lateral Flow Testing for the Clinically Extremely vulnerable

(For patients having planned procedures)

## Introduction

Your Consultant, or a member of their team will have discussed with you the benefits of your planned procedure and also the risks associated with contracting Covid-19 during or following your period of planned care.

Whilst the possibility of developing or contracting coronavirus when you are in hospital remains, we will try everything possible to limit this, for example, staff will wear appropriate protective clothing, you will be transferred to a ward with patients who have no symptoms or diagnosis of coronavirus and we will aim to discharge you as soon as you are medically fit.

You have been identified as a patient who will require to perform a Lateral Flow Test prior to your admission for your elective procedure.

Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) patients, haematology, oncology and renal dialysis patients will be required to perform an LFT 72 hours prior to admission.

## Instructions

1. You should access a Lateral flow device (LFD) test through ordering on the [www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests](http://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests) portal or by telephoning 119
2. Please order your test at least 10 days before your admission date to allow for sufficient time for ordering and delivery (you are still eligible for a free test, if you are being admitted to hospital)
3. The test should be performed 3 days (72 hours) in advance of your planned admission to hospital
4. You should then minimise your exposure risk between the time of taking your test and your admission for procedure
5. You will be required to report the test result online at [www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result](http://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result) or by telephoning 119. This will generate an email or text message with confirmation of the result
6. You will be required to bring proof of the recent negative test result when you attend for your procedure either by showing the text or email on your mobile device or by obtaining and bringing with you a printout of negative result
7. The appropriate waiting list should be advised if your test result is positive (numbers on page 4 of leaflet)

**The prevention of infection is a major priority in all healthcare and everyone has a part to play.**

- Please decontaminate your hands frequently for 20 seconds using soap and water or alcohol gel if available
- If you have symptoms of diarrhoea and/or vomiting, cough or other respiratory symptoms, a temperature or any loss of taste or smell please do not visit the hospital or any other care facility and seek advice from 111
- Keep the environment clean and tidy
- Let's work together to keep infections out of our hospitals and care homes.

## FAQs

### 1. What if I am unable to perform the LFD test myself?

If you are having trouble completing the test, we advise asking a family or friend to support, but if you are still unable to perform the test then please contact Preop on 01902695587

### 2. What If I do not have access to a mobile or email address?

You can also use a land line to order your LFD swabs and report the test result by calling 119

### 3. What if my LFD test result is positive?

Please contact the waiting list team that you have been listed under immediately if you test positive and continue to report your result online at [www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result](http://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result) or by calling 119

### 4. What if my LFD test does not arrive on time?

If your test has not arrived for you to complete 72 hours prior to your admission, please contact Preop on 01902 695587

### 5. What if I am given a date of for my procedure at short notice which leaves insufficient time to order and perform test?

If you are given insufficient time to perform your test please advise the waiting list team so we can arrange a test for you to collect

## Waiting list contact Numbers

**General Surgery:** 01902 694051

**Urology:** 01902 694073 / 694075 / 694464

**Gynaecology:** 01902 694070 / 694071

**Head and Neck:** 01902 694081 / 694089

**Orthopaedics:** 01902 694092 / 694091 / 694093

**Ophthalmology:** 01902 695815 / 481637 / 481544

**Ophthalmology for Cannock:** 01543 576675

**Endoscopy:** 01902 694052

**Radiology:** 01902 696344

**Cardiothoracic:** 01902 694592

**Preoperative Assessment New Cross:** 01902 695587

**Preoperative Assessment Cannock:** 01543 576589

## Outpatients

Patients attending routine outpatient appointments are not required to wear a mask unless this is a personal preference.

Patients who are attending for emergency treatment with respiratory symptoms should wear a face mask.

## English

If you need information in another way like easy read or a different language please let us know.

If you need an interpreter or assistance please let us know.

## Lithuanian

Jeigu norėtumėte, kad informacija jums būtų pateikta kitu būdu, pavyzdžiui, supaprastinta forma ar kita kalba, prašome mums apie tai pranešti.

Jeigu jums reikia vertėjo ar kitos pagalbos, prašome mums apie tai pranešti.

## Polish

Jeżeli chcieliby Państwo otrzymać te informacje w innej postaci, na przykład w wersji łatwej do czytania lub w innym języku, prosimy powiedzieć nam o tym.

Prosimy poinformować nas również, jeżeli potrzebowaliby Państwo usługi tłumaczenia ustnego lub innej pomocy.

## Punjabi

ਜੇ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਇਹ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਕਿਸੇ ਹੋਰ ਰੂਪ ਵਿਚ, ਜਿਵੇਂ ਪੜ੍ਹਨ ਵਿਚ ਆਸਾਨ ਰੂਪ ਜਾਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਦੂਜੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਿਚ, ਚਾਹੀਦੀ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਸਾਨੂੰ ਦੱਸੋ।

ਜੇ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਦੁਭਾਸ਼ੀਏ ਦੀ ਜਾਂ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਦੀ ਲੋੜ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਸਾਨੂੰ ਦੱਸੋ।

## Romanian

Dacă aveți nevoie de informații în alt format, ca de exemplu caractere ușor de citit sau altă limbă, vă rugăm să ne informați.

Dacă aveți nevoie de un interpret sau de asistență, vă rugăm să ne informați.

## Traditional Chinese

如果您需要以其他方式了解信息，如易读或其他语种，请告诉我们。

如果您需要口译人员或帮助，请告诉我们。