TESTING FOR COVID-19

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The government has announced an increase in testing for people who work in critical sectors such as ours.

THESE TESTS ARE OPEN TO:

- Essential workers with symptoms
- People who live with essential workers and have symptoms

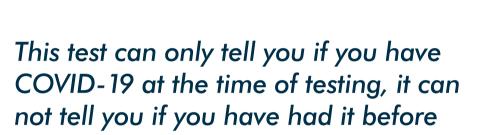If you are unsure sure whether you are eligible for this testing, please contact the HR Department.

WHEN SHOULD THESE TESTS BE TAKEN?

These tests are most effective within the first three days of you showing symptoms.

WHAT DOES THE TEST ENTAIL?

The tests are being conducted either by using a kit that is posted to you or at dedicated testing centres of which there will be approximately 50 set up in England in the coming days and weeks. The test itself is conducted by taking a swab of the nose and or mouth/throat. Results will be sent by text message normally within 3 days.

This test can only tell you if you have COVID-19 at the time of testing, it can not tell you if you have had it before or are immune.

HOW ARE THE TESTS BOOKED?

The test can only be booked online by following this link **https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/**. You will need to enter your name, mobile number and job group (for this select the option with utilities in it). Your Line Manager can help you if you don't have access to the internet.

FURTHER QUESTIONS?

Please contact your Line Manager or the HR Department.

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