

Keeping you safe: Getting tested.

If anyone develops a new or persistent cough, temperature, or loss of smell or Taste:

- They need to self-isolate for 10 days. They need to isolate **WITH** household members immediately. Even if household members do not have symptoms, they may need to self-isolate for 14 days *dependant on COVID-19 test result. [Follow national guidance on how to self-isolate](#)
- Book a test (the test must be taken within 3 days of symptoms starting , and no later than 5 days)

What is the process to book a test?

- You book at test at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or call 119.
- [Please keep trying the online system - the 119 call system appears to be worse than the online system. Please keep trying throughout the day and try postcodes for Birmingham and Coventry to get a test today and more local. Technically you can't book for tomorrow, you can only book tests for today until 8pm, then the test centres reschedule.](#)
- You will enter your postcode into the online system and it will give you options of a drive thru test or a walk thru test (figure 1) – this will be part of the call with 119.
- If you have transport available please attend a drive thru or walk thru testing site rather than ordering a home test. Testing at these sites tend to be quicker to produce results which help us to manage cases more quickly and effectively. However if you need to get a bus to attend a walk through site, order a home test immediately.
- Test slots are released every day at 8pm for the next day, regardless of working day or weekend. Test sites and availability may change.

Figure 1: Entry screen for Drive thru, Walk thru or home test.

How do you want to get the coronavirus test?

Based on your answers, these testing services are available to you.

At a drive-through test site

- you need to book your test as soon as possible
- you or someone you live with must drive to the test site by car or small van
- site staff will tell you if an assistant does the swab test for you or if you do it yourself

At a walk-through test site

- you need to book your test slot as soon as possible
- you can walk or cycle to the site (do not go by public transport or taxi)
- site staff will tell you if an assistant does the swab for you, or if you do it yourself

Home testing

- you can get a test kit for yourself and up to 3 other people you live with
- it is posted to your home and should arrive the day after you order it
- it's important that you return your test as soon as possible after doing it

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