

COVID-19 Workforce Testing Programme

Participant information sheet

As part of our response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are expanding our regular programme of testing for people who have a higher chance of being exposed to COVID-19.

Testing isn't mandatory, but it is critical to contain the virus and prevent COVID-19 clusters from forming. It will also help to keep you and your family safe, and will help keep our Island running.

This leaflet provides you with information about the test, the test result and what will happen if you receive a positive result.

If you have any symptoms of COVID-19 you should not take part in the workforce testing programme and should contact the helpline immediately on 01534 445566.

Am I eligible?

The 'Worker groups and frequency of testing' information on page 3 will help you understand whether you are eligible for the workforce testing programme.

How often will I be tested?

How often you will be offered a test depends on which group you are in (as shown on page 3). Those in Group A are tested every 4 weeks, those in Group B every 6 weeks and those in group C every 8 weeks.

The test

The test is a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) swab; it takes 5 minutes and will involve a swab being taken from the back throat and nose. The test identifies if you have the virus at the time of the test. It does not indicate if you have previously had the virus.

You cannot swab yourself

You do not have to isolate whilst waiting for your result.

Testing will take place at the Harbour drive-through testing centre. A walk-through facility will also be available if you don't have your own transport or would prefer arrive on foot.

The results

Results will be provided within an average of 48 hours. If you test negative, you will receive a text message. You **will not** be provided with a certificate confirming your negative result.

If you test positive

A member of the Contact Tracing team will be in touch to advise that you have tested positive. They will explain what this means and what action you need to take. They will also ask for details of anyone you have been in contact with.

If you test positive for COVID-19 you must self-isolate, along with members of your household, [in line with the standard guidance](#).

You will need to contact your employer and inform them that you are required to self-isolate. You may be able to claim [isolation benefit](#) if you need to self-isolate and can't work.

Results will not be shared with employers unless required under the Jersey Law - Covid-19 (Screening, Assessment and Isolation) (Jersey) Regulations 2020, at which point all results will be anonymised.

How do I book my test?

Appointments are available daily (subject to availability). To book your first test, please call the Coronavirus helpline on 01534 445566 between 12pm - 4pm Monday to Sunday.

What happens if I have any questions, concerns or complaints?

If you are unhappy about any aspect of your test and wish to complain you can do this by contacting the Coronavirus helpline on 01534 445566.

If you have any questions please contact the Coronavirus helpline on 01534 445566.

Thank you for participating in regular COVID-19 screening. This will help to keep you, your loved ones, your colleagues and our Island safe.

Worker groups and frequency of testing (as at 28 October 2020)

Group A – Tested every 4 weeks
Health and Community Services – frontline
Care Homes
Ambulance Service
General Practice (GP surgeries)
Group B – Tested every 6 weeks
Domiciliary Care agencies
Family Nursing and Homecare
Dental practices
Jersey Hospice Care
Prison Service
Group C – Tested every 8 weeks
Building and Construction
Domestic Cleaning Services
Early Years and Childcare
Freight, Post and Delivery Services
Other Health and Community Services
Other healthcare services
Hospitality (hotels, restaurants and bars)
Leisure and Recreation
Public Transport
Retail and Wholesale
Other public sector
Schools and Colleges
Security and Facilities Management
States of Jersey Police, Fire & Rescue and Customs
Utilities and Infrastructure
Voluntary and Community sector
Wellbeing, Cosmetic & Beauty
Worship, Funeral and Marriage

If you identify with more than one of the categories listed, select the category that fits best with your individual role.

If you are still unsure, please call the **Coronavirus helpline on 445566**

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