



## Asymptomatic COVID-19 testing for people visiting our courts and tribunals (14 April 2021)

Over the last few months, we have been working with the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) to pilot and roll out rapid testing for court users. We have now been given the go-ahead by DHSC to provide home test kits across our whole estate.

We are in the process of planning the roll out of home-test kits for court users to collect across all our courts and tribunals.

### Home test collection from courts and tribunals

Home test kits will be available to collect from courts and tribunals. They will be offered to all professional court users, legal professionals, judiciary, contractors, jurors, witness services and staff who attend scheduled hearings. We have kits on order and will be distributing them from mid-April 2021 across our estate.

The on-site testing pilots at Manchester Civil Justice Centre, Southwark Crown Court, Leeds Combined Court, Leicester Crown Court, Reading Crown Court, Winchester Combined Court and Northampton County Court Business Centre will be replaced with home-test kit collection points by the end of April 2021.

### Accessing tests in England

In England, those who don't visit a court or tribunal site regularly, work from home, or where home delivery is more convenient, will be able to [order home-testing kits online via the new government scheme](#) from 9 April. Or you may be able to get a rapid test from an NHS site. The best way to find a location is to use the [NHS COVID-19 Test and Vaccination Site Finder](#).

### Accessing tests in Wales

In Wales, until home-test kits are available at courts or tribunals, which we expect to be by mid-May, if you have coronavirus symptoms, you can book a [PCR test through gov.uk](#). This is a full test, rather than a rapid lateral flow device test. You can read more about testing in Wales on the [Gov.Wales website](#).

### Accessing tests in Scotland

In Scotland, until home-test kits are available at courts or tribunals, if you have coronavirus symptoms, you can book a [PCR test through gov.uk](#). This is a full test, rather than a lateral flow device rapid test.

If you don't have any symptoms, you can access local community testing, which is being organised by a number of local authorities. You can see the latest list of community testing sites on the [Gov.Scotland website](#).

### Surge testing

Surge testing is currently being used in areas of England where COVID-19 variants have been identified. In locations where new virus variants have been found the government [advises you to take a COVID test](#), whether you are showing symptoms or not.

**Test results**

It remains essential that anyone who gets a positive result from a lateral flow device result self-isolates immediately, as must other members of their household, while they get a confirmatory PCR test. Please see [government advice](#) for more info.