



An important message about Rapid testing from Dr Liz Robin

Director of Public Health for Cambridgeshire

Dear Sir / Madam

I am writing to ask that you encourage members of your workforce that are unable to work from home, and who are over the age of 18, to access free rapid testing for Covid-19 that is now available across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

Up to one in three people who are infected with Covid-19 have no symptoms and could be spreading the disease without knowing it. Broadening testing to identify workers who are showing no symptoms will mean finding positive cases more quickly, which helps break chains of transmission.

By testing workers on a regular basis - twice a week ideally - we can reduce the number of cases of Covid-19 across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, limit the number of people who might die or become very ill because of the virus and protect our NHS.

We know it will require a commitment to access a test twice a week, but by doing so your employees will be helping us to track cases and break the train of transmission.

I have included some information below which you could use on staff notice boards or intranets or in any other way to make your employees aware of the new testing. There is a poster, information sheet and some text you could use in a newsletter or share with staff on an email.

Can I also take this opportunity to remind you that if any of your staff display one or more of these symptoms - a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, or a loss or change to sense of smell or taste - they should book a test at nhs.uk/coronavirus or by calling 119. Testing at the rapid testing sites is only for people without symptoms.

Details of how to book a test, testing site locations, guide on how to take the test sample, and what to do with the result can be found overleaf.

We can also support you as a workplace to set up a testing programme on your own premises. **If you are interested in that option please email LFTWorkplace@cambridgeshire.gov.uk**

Yours sincerely



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