

## Covid – Local Testing

WBC is opening a Lateral Flow Testing (LFT) site at the Hungerford Rugby Club in Priory Road from Monday (22 February) offering tests to key workers and others (see below) unless they are already in a testing programme.

So, those to whom testing is offered include key workers, carers, and business service providers such as tradespeople entering people's houses on a regular basis.

The offer does not include:

- Those with existing access to workplace testing through employers;
- Those with existing access to home testing (teachers, care homes, NHS, etc);
- Those aged 80 and over;
- Those aged 65 to 79 unless they are a key worker/carer;
- Those aged 18 and under (will be tested via schools).

Please note that:

- The test is only available to those who do not have Covid-19 symptoms;
- Someone who has had the Covid-19 vaccine can still have a test as the vaccine does not stop them from being able to spread the virus, although it does significantly reduce the risk;
- A negative test does not replace the hands, space, face regulations and is only valid for a specified period of time;
- This is not a 'test and release' option. All of the usual rules need to apply but it can offer some reassurance that the person tested is not infected at that point in time;
- For the most effective outcome tests should be booked at least three days apart.

For more detail about who is eligible to be tested please go [here](#).

Once you have checked that you are eligible, please [book](#) a test at Hungerford Rugby Club or one of WBC's other sites (but nb that you can also be tested at sites outside the district if this is more convenient – please check the website of our neighbouring authorities for details on their site locations).