COVID-19 Testing A quick guide:



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What to do if	Action needed	Back to normal
I or someone in my household have COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*	 Get a test ONLY for the person who is displaying symptoms To get a test visit www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or call 119. The service can get really busy. If you can't get a test straight away or at a location near to you please keep trying. It's really important you stay self-isolated during this time The whole household MUST self-isolate while waiting for test result Inform workplace/school immediately about test result 	If the test comes back negative and the individual is no longer experiencing symptoms
Someone in my house tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	 The individual who has tested positive MUST self-isolate for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test) Household members MUST NOT attend school or the workplace Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - EVEN if someone else tests negative during those 14 days 	After isolation periods are over, not before
NHS Test and Trace has identified me as a 'close contact' of somebody with confirmed COVID-19 (coronavirus)	 Self-isolate for 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) Rest of your household does not need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too Do NOT get a test, unless you develop symptoms during the isolation period 	When you have completed 14 days of self-isolation, EVEN if you test negative during those 14 days
I have travelled and have to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine	 Self-isolate for 14 days – you only need to get a test if you develop symptoms. Even if you test negative during those 14 days you must still self-isolate for the full 14 days Others in the household ONLY need to isolate if they also travelled with you. 	When the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed, EVEN if you test negative during those 14 days
I am not sure who should get a test for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	 Only people with symptoms* need to get a test. People with no symptoms should NOT get tested, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive. (The only exception to this is if you are part of a specific testing programme or study) 	When conditions above, as matching your situation, are met

* Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste. See more at: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms