

Please note this page is currently being updated.

From 20th January 2022, the lateral flow test available for ordering by primary care healthcare workers is the Surescreen SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Rapid Test Cassette. These tests will be in boxes of 25.

Organisations which still have stock of the packs of 7 tests (the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) COVID-19 Self-Test (Rapid Antigen Test) can continue to use these until they have run out. Further orders placed from 20th January 2022 will be for the packs of Surescreen 25 tests.

For packs of 25 Surescreen tests, to find out how to prepare for the test and how to use the LFD test kit, [please read the instruction leaflet below](#). At the bottom of this page you will also find a [privacy notice](#).

The Surescreen test is a nasal only test, and provides a result in 10 minutes. No additional training is required, however, as there are some small differences from the Innova test, those using the Sure Screen tests should carefully familiarise themselves with the process outlined in the electronic 'Instruction for Use' (IFU) guide. [Link]

Staff using the packs of 25 Surescreen tests should not use the specific kit instructions that came with the kit but should use the version of the instructions for use which is on this website.

A Northern Ireland version of the instructions for use document for Surescreen 25 tests is currently in development and will be available early next week. The changes that will be made simply direct people to NI guidance where guidance this differs from guidance for people using the tests in England. They are summarised as follows:

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'If you display symptoms of COVID-19, visit nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-testing for advice.'

'Follow the latest government guidelines on self-isolation: nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-self-isolating-and-close-contacts'

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'...and how to book a follow up test' has been removed.

'For information on alerting people you have been in close contact with visit:' has been replaced with: 'For information on contact tracing visit: nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-self-isolating-and-close-contacts'

Anyone who lives with you should visit: nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-self-isolating-and-close-contacts

For packs of 7 tests (**Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) COVID-19 Self-Test (Rapid Antigen Test) (nose and throat)**) to find out how to prepare for the test and how to use the LFD test kit, please see the gov.uk guide and video at: [How to do a coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow test at home - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/how-to-do-a-coronavirus-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-test-at-home) The GOV.UK website has information on different brands of lateral flow test. The test used in NI Health and Social Care is the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) COVID-19 Self-Test (Rapid Antigen Test) and the instruction materials online are titled 'Throat and Nose test.' At the bottom of this page you will also find a privacy notice.

You must register ALL test results, whether negative or positive, by using the following link – www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result

If your result is positive you need to register it using the above link **AND** report any positive results to your line manager.

As of 5th January 2021 you no longer need a PCR test to confirm your positive lateral flow test result. This is being kept under review. See NI Direct for further guidance: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): self-isolating and close contacts | nidirect](https://nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-self-isolating-and-close-contacts)

If you have any further questions, please speak to your line manager for guidance.

Remember, if at any time you develop any of the symptoms of COVID-19 – a new continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a change in your sense of taste or smell – book a PCR test immediately.

Staff must contact their manager as soon as they are symptomatic. If this occurs at work, staff should self-isolate and immediately telephone their manager before they go home. They should book a PCR test.

Downloads

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