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# COVID-19: Testing process for Education staff and learners

## The tests explained



### LFD Test

The tests taken by education staff, secondary learners from year 10 and FE students who aren't showing any COVID-19 symptoms. These tests are taken at home, twice a week and results are presented in 30 minutes.

### PCR Test

This test is available for anyone who has COVID-19 symptoms and is taken at your local testing centre.

## When should I take LFD the test?



You should take the test twice a week 3 or 4 days apart. Ideally in the morning as close to going into your school or college as possible.

## What do I do if my LFD test was positive but my PCR test is negative?



- If your confirmation PCR test was less than 24 hours after your LFD test, then you're safe to return to work or learning as normal.
- If your confirmation PCR test was more than 24 hours after your LFD test, then you MUST self-isolate for 10 days.
- You can return to work/school/college on day 11 if you are feeling well and don't have a fever.

## What do I do if my LFD test is positive?



- Report your result either through the website or 119 and
- Inform your school or college so they can take the necessary action and
- Arrange a follow-up PCR test at a community testing centre.
- Stay home and isolate immediately along with your household.

## What do I do if my LFD test and my PCR test are positive?



- If you've received two positive test results, you and your household must self-isolate for 10 days.
- You can return to work/school/college on day 11 if you are feeling well and don't have a fever.

If you develop symptoms after testing, please arrange a PCR test at your local testing centre.

In the unlikely event of two void LFD tests, report both online and then get a PCR test. There is no need to self-isolate whilst waiting for the result.

