

Confirmatory PCR tests Update

We will follow the latest government guidance on confirmatory PCR tests in [Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) following a positive lateral flow test.

We note that from Tuesday 11 January 2022 anyone in England who receives a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result should report their result on [Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) and must self-isolate immediately, but will not need to take a follow-up PCR test.

After reporting a positive LFD test result, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace so that their contacts can be traced.

Anyone who tests positive will be able to leave self-isolation in line with [Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) i.e. seven days after the date of their initial positive test if they receive two negative lateral flow test results, 24 hours apart, on days six and seven.