

COVID-19 TESTING AT HOME FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS

GUIDE FOR PARENTS



Know which test your child should take and when



Know what to do next

ABOUT RAPID LATERAL FLOW TESTS

Lateral flow tests are for people who DO NOT have symptoms of Covid-19 (cough, high temperature, or loss or change in sense of smell or taste).

Up to a third of individuals with coronavirus show no symptoms and can potentially spread it without knowing.

Rapid result lateral flow can help detect cases quickly, allowing positive cases to isolate and break the chain of transmission.

WHO SHOULD TAKE LATERAL FLOW TESTS?

Lateral flow tests are recommended to be taken twice a week by students at secondary school. This is usually done at home. Their households and support bubbles can also take the tests.

Lateral flow tests are NOT recommended for primary school pupils or younger children.

Test kits can be collected free of charge from local sites. Find yours at: bury.gov.uk/coronavirus-testing

ABOUT PCR TESTS

A PCR test is for people who DO have symptoms of Covid-19 (cough, high temperature, or loss or change in sense of smell or taste). Find out how to get a test at bury.gov.uk/coronavirus-testing

WHEN TO TAKE WHICH TEST

Primary school pupils

- if showing symptoms of Covid-19, the household should isolate and the child should take a PCR test and isolate until the result of the PCR test is known
- lateral flow tests are NOT recommended for primary school pupils

Secondary school students

- if NOT showing symptoms, take a lateral flow test twice weekly
- if showing symptoms of Covid-19, the household should isolate and the child should take a PCR test and isolate until the result of the PCR test is known

WHAT TO DO IF A STUDENT TESTS POSITIVE

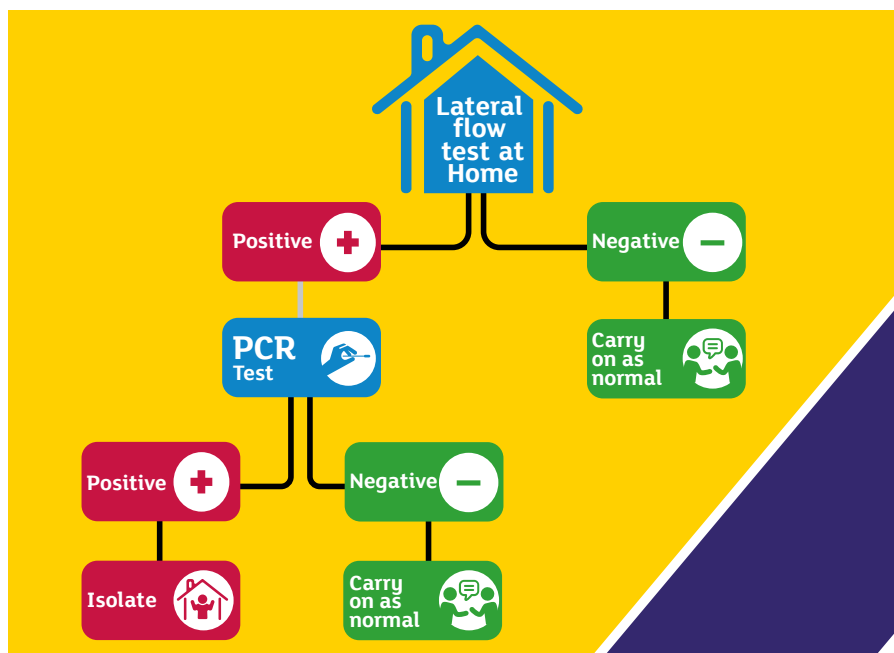
If a student tests positive with a lateral flow test taken at home they should isolate immediately and book a PCR test to confirm the result. The student and their household should follow government guidelines for isolation. See: [gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance) for more information.



If the student's PCR test is positive they and the household should continue to isolate.

If the student's PCR test is negative, then they can return to school and the household does not need to self isolate. **Please note this only applies if the lateral flow test was taken at home.** This is because tests taken at home are considered potentially less accurate than "assisted" tests in school.

The flow chart shows what to do.



Help and support is available if you have to self-isolate. See [bury.gov.uk/communityhubs](https://www.bury.gov.uk/communityhubs)

For medical advice on Covid-19 call NHS 119

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