

## Coronavirus testing for essential workers

If [you're an essential worker](#), tests are now available for you and members of your household who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms.

It means people will have the reassurance of knowing whether their symptoms are caused by coronavirus and can decide whether they are well enough to return to work if the test is negative.

Tests can be booked via the government's online system. Employers can [register and refer self-isolating staff](#), and employees can [book a test directly for themselves or members of their household](#) who are experiencing symptoms – a high temperature or new continuous cough.