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## PCR staff testing update

We have made a slight amendment to our adult day care centre's eligibility criteria to clarify that testing is available to all adult day care centres that are currently operating in England. Please see the updated eligibility criteria below:

The Department of Health and Social Care has rolled out weekly routine staff testing to all open day care centres that are run by paid care staff. Services must be for adults over 18 and are provided within non-residential care settings that support the health and wellbeing of adults. This includes settings such as:

- purpose-built day centres
- day centres attached to or part of a care home or supported living
- other buildings in communities specifically used for regular adult day care

Full information on the end-to-end PCR testing process can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-testing-for-adult-day-care-centre-workers>

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## How can adult day care centres get access to testing?

Centres that are open and not already onboarded onto our system should sign up via our self-referral portal.

- Day care centre managers that meet the eligibility criteria set out above can navigate to:

<https://request-onboarding.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/>

- Managers will need to enter the referral UON of '99915258' and provide details of their adult day care centre. Please note, this is only a referral code and cannot be used to order test kits. Centres will receive a separate UON via email once they have been accepted for them to be able to order test kits.
- Organisations which run multiple day care centres at various locations will need to register each centre separately to receive multiple UONs, even if the contact details for each of these are the same.
- Once we have received an acceptance from the Local Authority, NHS Test & Trace will email day care centre managers with their UON and instructions to place orders from the test kit ordering portal.

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## **Sign-up to our regular adult day care centre testing webinars**

- We host regular interactive testing webinars every Monday, including a live Q&A, to go through test kit ordering, conducting testing, registering, returning test kits and results. The link to sign up to attend our adult day care centre webinars can be found here:

[https://event.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1427241&tp\\_key=a845a50900](https://event.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1427241&tp_key=a845a50900)

- If centres are not able to attend the webinar, they are able to sign up and a recording of the session will be made available after the session.

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## **For further support and guidance**

- You can also find guidance on the safe opening and management of day care centres during the Covid-19 pandemic on the SCIE website. This guidance has recently been updated:

<https://www.scie.org.uk/care-providers/coronavirus-covid-19/day-care/safe-delivery>

- Information on the Infection Control Fund can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/adult-social-care-infection-control-fund-round-2/adult-social-care-infection-control-fund-round-2-guidance>.

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## **Rapid Lateral Flow testing pilot**

We have recently completed a 3-week rapid lateral flow testing pilot in 13 adult day care centres across England, for staff and service users. For more information about lateral flow testing, visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/understanding-lateral-flow-antigen-testing-for-people-without-symptoms>

The purpose of this pilot was to understand the usability of lateral flow self-tests for day care centres and to identify any improvements that could support centres and staff to follow a testing regime to support safer services.

We are still in the process of evaluating the pilot findings including considering improvements to the current testing experience and will provide further updates over the next few weeks. During this time please continue to test all staff every week using PCR testing.

We are very grateful for your help with this and look forward to working with you to ensure day care centres have all the support they need to operate safely.

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Thank you,  
NHS Test & Trace