

QUESTIONS AT ANY TIME TO CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Response by the Portfolio Holder:

This is the most recent guidance that has been issued to all schools which answers your queries:

Guidance for schools and FE institutions on ordering additional coronavirus test kits

All schools and FE institutions have been provided with a small number of coronavirus test kits for use in line with guidance published by the Welsh Government <u>https://gov.wales/guidance-schools-and-fe-providers-using-home-test-kits-html</u>

The fastest way to get a test result is to go to a testing site. Individuals will need a pre-booked appointment or they will not be given a test. People can also order home test kits to be sent directly to them. To book an appointment or order a home kit, please visit <u>https://gov.wales/apply-coronavirus-covid-19-test</u>

These routes remain the primary channels for any individuals displaying coronavirus symptoms to get a test.

Making an order for additional coronavirus tests

Schools and FE institutions should order additional test kits if they have run out or are running out of test kits.

The portal will open for you to apply for more test kits via this link - <u>https://request-testing.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk</u>

Kits will be supplied in boxes of 10. The number of boxes available to each school or FE institution will be proportionate to your size.

You will be able to make a new order for coronavirus test kits 21 days after you receive a delivery confirmation email from the Department of Health and Social Care telling you that your kits have been sent.

Schools and FE institutions will need a Unique Organisation Number (UON) to place orders for test kits. You will receive your UON by email to this email address on or before 25 September. After this date, please call the Test, Trace, Protect helpdesk on 119 if you have not received your UON.

Join our webinar for schools and FE institutions

A series of webinars are being hosted to support you in understanding how to use the test kits that are being sent to education settings.

These webinars will cover guidance on who should receive these kits, what they will look like and how they should be used. There will be an opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

We strongly encourage each school to sign up to one of the webinars.

The dates of these webinars are being confirmed and will be circulated as soon as possible.

Who to contact in an emergency

If at any stage someone at your institution cannot cope with the symptoms or their condition significantly worsens, use the <u>https://111.nhs.uk</u> COVID-19 service. If you do not have internet access, dial NHS 111. In a medical emergency, dial 999.