

Covid-19 Testing

A Guide for Deaf and Hard of Hearing people

You may have been feeling unwell, have contacted your GP, and your GP has now referred you for a Covid-19 test. If you are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, the following information may be helpful to note:

- The time and place for your test will be sent to you in a text message.
- The Covid-19 Tester will be wearing a face mask, so if you normally rely on lipreading to communicate, please be aware that this won't be possible during the test.
- You can ask your GP for the test to take place in your home if you feel that communication in the Covid Test Centre will be difficult for you.
- If you are a Deaf sign language user, you can contact the Sign Language Interpreting Service to request ISL interpretation for your Covid-19 Test.
- Before your test, it may be helpful to print this page so you can be aware of the different steps involved in the Covid-19 Test.

Steps involved in a Covid-19 Test in a Test Centre

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| 1. | Use your phone to show the reference number for your test contained in the text message |
| 2. | Stay in your car and a healthcare worker will approach you. |
| 3. | You will be given a mask, you will be asked some questions and you will be taken to the test centre. |
| 4. | You will be asked to wash your hands properly. |
| 5. | You will be asked for some personal details including your phone number so you can be contacted with your results. |
| 6. | You will be asked to blow your nose into a tissue and bin it in a secure bin. |
| 7. | A healthcare worker will use a swab to take a sample from inside your mouth and nose. |
| 8. | You can then drive home and remain in self-isolation. |

****The steps in a drive-thru test centre are similar to a test centre except you remain in your car for the test.***

Steps involved in a Covid-19 Test in your home

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| 1. | A healthcare worker will call to your home with a testing kit. |
| 2. | They will use a swab to take a sample from inside your mouth and nose. |
| 3. | You will be asked for personal details so you can be contacted with your results. |