

Nottinghamshire Schools – HR Service

COVID-19 National Testing Programme in Nottinghamshire: Working Principles

The expanded phase of testing is for all keyworkers including all Nottinghamshire School employees and all other County Council employees and agency workers. These principles should be read in conjunction with the Covid-19 Testing Head Teachers' Checklist and Process Flowchart

- The testing programme is designed to create increased workforce capacity in the health and social care system by enabling keyworkers to be tested and return to work as soon as possible where appropriate.
- Acceptance of the offer of testing is entirely voluntary.
- The criteria for being eligible for a test are prescribed and are not subject to local discretion.
- Tests are not available by request/on demand and are only available following initial head teacher /senior leader (as designated) triage and referral.
- The initial phase of testing for Nottinghamshire County Council has been expanded to include all school and other county council employees either on the basis of their current role or in light of what they may be asked to do in the future. It also includes relief/casual employees and agency workers who provide additional workforce capacity
- Those eligible for a test against the set criteria will have to share personal information with the NHS-run Central Coordination Centre to enable a final determination on eligibility for a test to be undertaken.
- Results of the test will be provided direct to the employee or member of the household who is symptomatic. Employees will need to share the results with their head teacher for a risk assessment to be undertaken and agreed in relation to a potential return to work.
- Tests are only effective for people on Days 1 to 4 of experiencing Covid-19 related symptoms therefore it is essential that employees are reminded to report to the school immediately they begin self-isolation and the circumstances so that a test can be offered as a matter of urgency if appropriate.

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