

Media Release

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Lateral flow test packs to continue to be available from the Guernsey Information Centre

The Guernsey Information Centre will continue to be a collection point for islanders in need of lateral flow tests.

However, to help manage the island's supplies of LFT packs islanders should only collect packs if their household has no current supply or is running low. It is very important that islanders do not stockpile LFT packs.

From next week, LFT packs will be available for collection from the Guernsey Information Centre between 9am-3pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays and 10am-2pm on Saturdays only. From Tuesday 2nd November we will be asking for details of those collecting LFTs so we can collate data on usage and help us manage supplies going forward.

In the last two weeks, more than 32,000 packs have been collected by islanders. This is in addition to packs distributed and collected as part of wider surveillance testing programmes. There are approximately 27,000 households in Guernsey so the majority should now have had the opportunity to pick up a pack of LFTs.

While authorities and the response team have been delighted with the uptake we also have to ensure, as a Bailiwick, we use our stocks wisely. The lateral flow team still have supplies available but with the numbers of packs now in households, distributed for education settings and surveillance in the workplace, it is important that we moderate our distribution. If you are issued with LFTs through a workplace or education setting please continue to obtain them through these settings and not from the Guernsey Information Centre.

Anyone not able to collect a pack in person can ask a friend or family member to collect one for them. If this is also not possible, they can contact lateralflowqueries@gov.gg or call the non-clinical helpline on 01481 717118 to arrange a delivery. Delivery is approximately 3-5 business days, so please bear with us.

Islanders are being asked to take regular LFTs to help slow the spread of COVID-19, particularly over the winter months. Islanders are being advised to consider using these kits:

- To regularly test themselves to check if they have the virus - it is recommended they

take two tests per week, every week.

- If they are asked to do so by the Contract Tracing Team as they have been identified as a contact of a case;
- Before visiting a vulnerable person, for example someone living in a Care and Residential Home;
- Before attending an event or meeting in a crowded or poorly ventilated place;
- If asked to do so by Public Health Services.

Anyone experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms must still stay at home and report those symptoms to the Clinical Helpline. The Clinical Helpline will advise on further testing.

Islanders should NOT use LFTs as an alternative to getting clinical advice.

If you have had a positive result from an LFT then you need to phone the Clinical Helpline on 220001 or 220002 straight away to book in for a PCR test. You need to stay at home until you have the result of this test. If the LFT is for a child, please notify the child's school or childcare setting. Other people in your household do not need to stay home at this stage.

If your PCR test is negative you can return to your normal activities but, if you feel unwell, Public Health recommend that you stay at home.

For further information about LFTs, please visit our dedicated webpage at [Lateral Flow Testing \(LFT\) | States of Guernsey - COVID-19 \(gov.gg\)](#)