

Media Release

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East Arm facility for patients with Lateral Flow positives extended until 10th December

Over 200 tests took place at the East Arm testing facility in the first week, significantly reducing the pressure on the hospital testing facility and waiting times for patients. The drop-in sessions at the East Arm have been extended for an additional week until 10th December, with the revised opening times between 08.30am - 10.15am Monday to Friday.

These tests are specifically for anyone who has tested positive on a Lateral Flow Device and is aged 12 or over. These patients do not need to phone in advance or book a time, they simply need to complete the booking form here: <https://localtesting.gov.gg/> before arriving at the East Arm testing facility. They must bring their positive lateral flow. If possible, they should also bring a smart device (Phone or tablet).

A self-swab PCR test will then be supervised by a member of the Welcome Team using the Local Test version of Travel Tracker. Those patients will then receive their PCR result in the normal way, by text if it is a negative result, or by way of a phone call from Public Health if their PCR test is positive. The East Arm facility is unable to accommodate anyone on foot or a bicycle. If you have had a positive LFT and are unable to drive to the East Arm please call the clinical helpline on 01481 220001 or 01481 220002. The Scheduling team will then contact you to discuss testing options with you.

Anyone who is experiencing symptoms and who has not had a lateral flow positive must call the clinical helpline who will schedule a PCR test for them at the Princess Elizabeth Hospital testing facility.

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