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Islanders with COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, are reminded to arrange a PCR test

Islanders who have symptoms of COVID-19, however mild, are reminded that they should isolate and arrange for a PCR test to be taken at the drive-through testing facility at the Princess Elizabeth Hospital.

This reminder comes following feedback from some members of the public that people are relying on Lateral Flow Tests (LFTs) rather than booking a PCR test.

Elaine Burgess, Associate Director of Acute Care said:

‘We know it has been frustrating for people to get through on the clinical helpline and isolate whilst waiting for an appointment for a PCR test. However, it is extremely important that anyone with symptoms has a PCR test as it is a much more sensitive test, taken by a clinician.

LFTs should not be relied on to provide a definitive result if you have any symptoms of COVID-19 at all.’

If you have symptoms of COVID-19 you should call the clinical helpline on 01481 220001 or 01481 220002. The lines are open between 7 am and 7pm on weekdays and between 8 am and 6pm on weekends.