

Media Release

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Pre-travel PCR and observed lateral flow tests can be accessed through Primary Care

Islanders in need of pre-travel tests, both PCR and observed lateral flow, can access them through GP practices.

The States has been in discussion with colleagues in Primary Care, and GP practices are able to offer this service to the community as needed.

GP practices are offering this service during normal working hours and also on Saturday mornings.

Islanders are advised to contact surgeries well in advance to allow plenty of time for their test to be booked within the window they need for travel.

Observed lateral flow tests are also available from some pharmacies in the island.

Please be aware that while LFT results are provided immediately, PCR samples must go to the Princess Elizabeth Hospital for processing and subsequent notifying of result.

The States of Guernsey would like to thank colleagues in Primary Care for the way they have engaged on this issue, recognising that it is a service best offered via the private sector in the long term.