

COVID-19 Testing and Isolation Advice - 14 June 2021

Public Health Advice for Parents

Situation	Should I get a PCR test and isolate? What about others in my household?	When can I stop isolating?
My child has one or more symptoms of COVID-19 (continuous cough, high temperature, change to sense of taste/smell)	Child should get a PCR test Child and rest of household isolate immediately	PCR test negative: child and household end isolation straight away (as long as not close contacts). PCR positive: Child and household can end isolation on date advised by education setting or Track & Trace service.
My child is ill but does not have COVID-19 symptoms	Only get a PCR test for your child if told to do so by their education setting (who will have been advised by Public Health). Child and rest of household should isolate until the result of the PCR is known.	PCR test negative: child and household end isolation straight away (as long as not close contacts) PCR positive: Child and household can end isolation on date advised by education setting or Track & Trace service.
My child aged 0-16 has been identified as a close contact of a positive case	No PCR test required unless: - Child develops symptoms - Your child's setting says a PCR test has been advised by Public Health Child needs to isolate (but not rest of household)	Child ends isolation on date advised by education setting or Track & Trace service (even if they get a negative PCR test result during isolation period) Rest of household do not need to isolate unless identified as close contacts themselves.

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My child has done an LFD test and it is positive	Child needs to get a PCR test within 2 days of a positive LFD test result. Child and rest of household isolate whilst waiting for PCR result.	PCR test negative: child and household end isolation straight away (as long as not close contacts) PCR positive: Child and household can end isolation on date advised by education setting or Track & Trace service.
My child is not a close contact and does not have symptoms, but has been advised to get a PCR test anyway by public health	Please follow advice and support your child to get a PCR test. Child and rest of household do not need to isolate whilst waiting for the PCR result	PCR test negative: no isolation required PCR positive: Child and household need to start isolation. Household can end isolation on date advised by Track & Trace service.
My child is not a close contact of a positive case, does not have symptoms and has NOT been advised to get a PCR test	Secondary school aged children and all adults are advised to test twice weekly with Lateral Flow Device kits. Find out where to get LFD kits here LFDs should not be used on children younger than secondary school age	Your child and the rest of the household only need to isolate if the LFD test result shows as positive. If your LFD test result is positive, get a PCR result within 2 days.

Please note: If you have tested positive via PCR for COVID-19 within the past 90 days, you only need to get a PCR test again if you develop new COVID-19 symptoms

You can book a PCR test here: www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or by calling 119 if you do not have internet access