

# Nursery Covid-19 testing

Please do not forget to record positive and negative results on the government website as instructed, as well as informing your nursery.  
**Report your results:** [www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result](https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result)



## Nursery staff and parents/carers

### No symptoms

Twice-weekly testing with Lateral Flow Device tests

#### If LFD positive

Isolate immediately  
Book a PCR test at a testing site within 48h.  
Continue to isolate while you wait for your results.

Adults in a household where children regularly attend educational settings are advised to test twice weekly. Order lateral flow tests online or find your local participating pharmacy:  
[www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests](https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests)

Book a PCR test:  
[www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test) or dial 119

## Anyone with symptoms

Symptoms include a new continuous cough, loss or change of taste or smell and/or a high temperature.

**Isolate immediately and book a PCR test. Only the person with symptoms needs a test. Continue to isolate while you wait for the results.**

### PCR

#### Positive

Continue to isolate for 10+ days. Isolation should start from the date of the positive test or the onset of symptoms. Close contacts who are exempt<sup>[1]</sup> from self isolation should take an LFD test daily for 7 days, otherwise close contacts must isolate.<sup>[2]</sup>

#### Negative

Go back to nursery or work when better

Close contacts with a negative rapid lateral flow result are strongly advised to limit close contact with other people outside their household.

## Nursery aged children

### No symptoms

No symptoms? No test!  
There's no need to test children in this age group if they have no symptoms. This includes after isolation, when going back to nursery.

Under 5s identified as a close or household contact will be advised by NHS Test and Trace to get a one off PCR test. The child can continue to attend nursery etc while waiting for the PCR result. They should isolate if they test positive or if they develop symptoms.

<sup>[1]</sup> Fully vaccinated adults or children aged 5 to 18 ½ years identified as close contacts are exempt from isolation.

<sup>[2]</sup> Close contacts still need to isolate if they are over 18½ and not fully vaccinated.

For guidance on self-isolation, please visit:

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection)