

PRIORITY TESTING FOR COVID-19 – PRIVACY INFORMATION

You have been invited to undertake a Covid-19 priority antigen test because you or someone in your household is a key worker and is currently following HM Governments guidelines on self-isolation.

The test will confirm whether you currently have Covid-19. The result of the test will enable you or the key worker(s) in your household to know whether to continue to self-isolate or whether it is safe to return to work.

The test is completely voluntary, and you do not have to take it. If you do decide to take the test, please follow the instructions provided at the Test Centre.

Data Controller

This testing has been commissioned by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), who is the data controller for data protection purposes.

What personal data we collect

You will submit your details on this website to register to be tested for Covid-19 and to receive your invite to attend at an allotted test centre.

The details we need from you are, your:

- First and last name
- Date of birth
- Sex
- Mobile phone number
- Email address
- Postcode
- Vehicle registration number

At the test centre, your testing kit will be allocated a unique reference number and we will keep a record of the date and time your test was taken (this is important for the laboratory to know). We will link your test's unique reference number with your test registration record, which consists of the information listed above.

After your Covid-19 test, we shall also collect and process your test results (this is health data which is special category data under the GDPR).

What purposes will your data be used for?

DHSC are the Data Controller for the following purposes:

- Confirming the appointment to the test centre
- Performing a security and ID verification at the test centre
- Receiving and processing your test
- Returning your results to you
- Undertaking quality assurance of the testing process (e.g., clinical process assurance)

- Analysis to support operational decisions to improve the full end-to-end testing process e.g.
 - Day to day operational use (e.g. whether someone attended their appointment)
 - To inform test centre process improvements (e.g. manage test centre capacity or throughput)
 - support end to end logistics planning

Data Processors and other recipients of your data

DHSC have appointed data processors, as indicated below, to carry out these activities:

- Registration, appointment scheduling and capture of information at the point of taking the test
- Verify your identity at the Test Centre – this may include various organisations who run the various part of the Test Centre.
- Link your personal details (provided on registering for the test) to the test result – (the data processor is the National Pathology Exchange (NPeX – hosted by Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Trust)
- Forward your test results and phone number to NHS Business Services Authority (NHS BSA) to send you your test results (the data processor is NPeX)
- Receive data to enable your results to be communicated back to you by SMS (text) – (the data processor is NHS BSA)

Data Retention

We will retain your personal data in accordance with the [Records Management Code of Practice for Health and Social Care 2016](#)

Data Storage

Your data will be stored and processed in the UK. Fully anonymous data e.g. statistical data (which does not allow you to be identified) may be stored and processed outside of the UK.

Legal basis under GDPR and DPA 2018

DHSC's legal basis for processing your personal data is:

- GDPR Article 6(1)(e) – the processing is necessary for the performance of its official tasks carried out in the public interest in providing and managing a health service
- GDPR Article 9(2)(h)) – the processing is necessary for medical diagnosis, the provision of health treatment and management of a health and social care system
- DPA 2018 – Schedule 1, Part 1, (2) (2) (f) – Health or social care purposes

Data Protection Officer

You can contact DHSC's Data Protection Officer by sending an email to contactus@dhsc.gov.uk