

## **Enhanced Testing Script for our Frontline Staff**

### **What is enhanced testing (sometimes called surge testing)?**

Enhanced testing means that we are doing more COVID-19 testing (including door-to-door testing in some areas). This includes testing people who do not have any symptoms of COVID-19.

Enhanced Testing or Surge Testing started on 1 February 2021 in the UK and started in Kirklees on 26 May 2021.

### **Why enhanced testing is being done in your area**

The variant of the COVID-19 virus first detected in India has been identified in your local area.

### **More details about the variant first detected in India**

This is a new variant and we know it spreads fast – even faster than the one first detected in Kent – and because it is new, it is still being investigated.

There is currently no evidence that it causes more severe illness, or that it makes vaccines less effective.

### **What you need to do**

To stop this variant spreading further we are asking people in your area to take a COVID-19 test so that we can detect the variant early and stop the spread.

It's important that you take the test, even if you've been vaccinated as there's a chance that you can still spread the virus.

### **How you can take a test**

#### **In areas with doorstep testing**

If you live in the area of enhanced door step testing, a member of staff will knock on your door and give you a test kit, they will leave you to carry out the test before returning to collect it within the hour. If you were out at the time of our visit, you will be left a calling card with information on how to get a test at your local covid-19 testing unit.

A full list of all areas receiving enhanced doorstep testing can be found online at [www.kirklees.gov.uk/covid19surgetesting](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/covid19surgetesting)

#### **Local Covid-19 Enhanced Testing Units**

In some areas we have introduced additional asymptomatic testing and encouraging the local community to take a test as soon as possible. At present this is taking place in Saville Town & Thornhill Lees, Batley and Honley & Brockholes.

## **Location of covid-19 enhanced testing centres**

Saville Town Enhanced Testing Centre  
Taleem Training and Community Centre  
Orchard Street  
Savile Town  
Dewsbury, WF12 9LT

Batley East Enhanced Testing Centre  
Wards Hill Car Park  
Between Commercial Street and Wellington Road  
Batley  
WF17 5HR

Honley Community Centre  
Stony Lane  
Honley  
Holmfirth  
HD9 6DY

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## **Age range for taking a test**

The council is asking all adults and children aged 11 years and over to be tested.

## **Did someone knock on my door - I have been out / at work**

If we have, and you weren't in or couldn't answer we will have left a calling card with instructions on what you should do next. If nobody has knocked on your door then we may not have got to you yet or you may not live in the enhanced doorstep testing area.

## **Finding out if you should take an asymptomatic PCR test**

We will be increasing communications to people in areas with enhanced testing centres to encourage them to take a test at their local covid-19 enhanced test centre.

Anyone who works or lives in Kirklees can take an asymptomatic test if they would like – a list places where you can take a test if you don't currently live in an enhanced testing area if available on our website:

[www.kirklees.gov.uk/covid19surgetesting](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/covid19surgetesting)

## **For more information**

If you want more information about how we can support local people who are concerned about COVID-19 please visit the council's website:

[www.kirklees.gov.uk/Covid19response](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/Covid19response)