FACT SHEET – KEY WORKER TESTING

As essential workers, it seems that any of your staff (or people living with them) who are displaying symptoms can apply for testing. They should then receive results within 3 days.

Only those testing positive, or living with those testing positive, will need to follow the government self-isolation guidelines. Those returning negative results will, if well enough, be able to return to work.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested#who-can-be-tested>

There are two ways in which testing can be obtained:

The first way is for the individual to refer themselves for testing: <https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/>

Guidance on self-referral is available here: <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/881043/covid-19-testing-self-referral-portal-user-guide.pdf>

The second way is through the employer referral portal. This allows employers to refer essential workers who are self-isolating because they or members of their household have coronavirus symptoms. It is a secure portal for employers to use to upload the full list of names and contact details of self-isolating essential workers.

If referred through this portal, essential workers will receive a text message with a unique invitation code to book a test for themselves (if symptomatic) or their symptomatic household member(s) at a regional testing site.

In order to obtain a login, employers of essential workers should email portalservicedesk@dhsc.gov.uk with 2 email addresses that will primarily be used to load essential worker contact details.

Once employer details have been verified, 2 login credentials will be issued for the employer referral portal.

Unfortunately, we will not know for certain if this works until it has been tested by a member of our industry.

The information in this Fact Sheet has been assembled and interpreted to give truck owners and users basic guidance on frequently asked questions. Further important information will be given in the quoted reference documents. Responsibility for meeting the safety obligations discussed rests with the employer, and the FLTA will not accept liability for any problem arising as a result of the content of this document. Technical Bulletins, containing more detailed information and updated as appropriate, are made available free to members of the FLTA SAFE USER GROUP.

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