

Information on free workplace testing for Knowsley businesses



Knowsley Council is encouraging ALL businesses to apply for free rapid (lateral flow) tests via the National Workplace Testing (NWT) programme.

Benefits of workplace testing:

- 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 do not have symptoms. Identifying these cases reduces the risk of an outbreak within the workplace.
- Testing will ensure you have a safe workplace setting. Improving employee and customer confidence as restrictions are eased.
- Regular testing in workplaces is a key part of the government's strategy to ensure that restrictions can be relaxed, and life can start to return to normal.

How Knowsley Council will support the National Workplace Offer:

- Training will be delivered by NHS staff using the "Train the Trainer" method and will be delivered locally so that it complements national webinars.
- Quality Assurance and Peer Review visits to provide assurance or evaluate your risk assessment can be arranged on request.
- Community testing sites will remain accessible for any employee wishing to get regular lateral flow tests.

How the programme works:

- Register your interest for the national workplace testing programme at: www.gov.uk/get-workplace-coronavirus-tests
- Contact Lynsey.welsh@knowsley.gov.uk or Lorna.Marshall@knowsleychamber.org.uk to arrange local support offered by Knowsley Council.
- Share your testing site code once it is registered and set up. This will help local testing leads understand what testing provision is available in your workplace and support you with any potential case or outbreak management help you may require.

To take part in the NWT programme, you **MUST** register by **31 March**.



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Lesley Martin-Wright, CEO Knowsley Chamber, said

We all want to get our businesses back to working normally. Providing testing kits direct to businesses and encouraging employees to take regular tests will help us to contain outbreaks, will reduce the need for future lockdowns, and will help to keep the virus under control. If we can work together to do that, then we can get back to growing our businesses and our economy.

Mike Jeans, Operations Director at Matalan, said:

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The testing has enabled us to continue running our operations safely, at both our Knowsley DC and Head office, giving our colleagues the opportunity to get tested for Covid-19, reassuring everyone that they are working in a safe environment.

Katherine Lea, Senior Workplace Health Advisor, Occupational Health Department, Jaguar Land Rover, Halewood Operations, said:


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When it comes to Halewood, if people aren't coming to work, our plant can't stay open – it's that simple. Having a testing centre on site is a unique opportunity for us and means we can help to protect one another whilst safely continuing to do our day jobs, and all whilst maintaining a degree of normality - something many of us are craving during these challenging and complex times.