

Sussex Covid-19 Key Worker Testing Summary

Swab Testing is now open for all key workers across Sussex.

Organisations will have their own internal systems to identify staff who require testing.

All key workers or household members of a key worker who have developed the onset of symptoms in the past 5 days (ideally within 3 days) are able to be referred for testing.

Key workers will need to have informed their organisation by day 4 at the latest and booked a test within 24 hours in order to ensure a swab takes place within 5 days.

As soon as the relevant key worker organisations are informed that an individual is away from work and needs to be tested, they should be referred at that point. Where there is a backlog these should be sent through in batches throughout the day to allow processing and booking appointments to occur at the earliest opportunity. Organisations are required to complete the Excel spread sheet below or provide the following information to:

Sxccg.Covidtestingreferrals@nhs.net

This information must include –

- Date of onset of symptoms
- Full name
- Mobile contact number
- Email address for confirmation of appointment
- Criteria met
- Vehicle registration if applicable

The central staff testing booking team will then contact referred key workers individually to discuss testing options and then with their agreement book them into the most appropriate and convenient testing service and/or site.

There are Drive Thru sites in Gatwick and Tangmere. There are also Mobile Testing Units that are circulating across a number of sites across Sussex, additional to the regional Drive Thru sites

Any individual must have a booking before attending a key worker testing service otherwise they will be turned away.

For any questions please contact:

<u>Sxccg.Covidtestingreferrals@nhs.net</u> – Bookings

scdt.admin@nhs.net – Care Home: General advice about key worker swabbing

The results will be provided to the individual within a maximum of 72 hours and they will need to inform their employer. If any individuals using the Drive Thru sites have not received their results after 72 hours, they can contact the key worker coronavirus testing service desk on 0300 303 2713. Lines are open from 7am – 5pm every day.



