

Covid-19 (Coronavirus) - Safe System of Work

C059 Day Services Customer Covid 19 Lateral Flow Testing - Protocol

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This safe system of work is to help protect everyone who attends, works or visits this building from Coronavirus.

Please note: This protocol applies to customers accessing Aspire day services.

This protocol will be relevant to all customers accessing day service buildings. We encourage customers to take a lateral flow test prior to accessing day services

We recommend that customers that are able to test should test before accessing day services. Testing is not mandatory for customers and they should not be prevented from attending if they cannot tolerate a test.

The NHS recommends that anyone accessing services 3 - 4 days per week should test twice per week prior to accessing services. If a customer is only visiting day services once per week they only need to test on the day of their visit.

Tests at home are encouraged where customers can tolerate them. Managers should establish where testing cannot be achieved at home Aspire staff may need to support with this process, when the customer arrives at the service. Staff can watch the link below to support them when assisting with a lateral flow test. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1l0jcv37Wzl>.

Where customers do not have capacity to consent to a lateral flow test and Aspire are undertaking this a capacity assessment must be completed and a best interest decision in place.

Obtaining and Registering LFT test kits

If parents/carers are struggling to access lateral flow kits please advise that these can be obtained from a local pharmacy. If LFT kits are obtained by the parent/carer from a local pharmacy and carried out at home without any assistance from Aspire staff, Managers will ask families to confirm this and the result verbally. If Aspire provide the LFT kit to the family/carer, we need to ensure the result is registered.

Lateral flow tests will need to be registered if they are obtained and carried out by Aspire in the same way that staff log their own lateral flow tests.

Obtaining a positive LFT result

If someone tests positive then they should self-isolate immediately and not attend and get a PCR test. If a customer tests positive on site, staff should isolate the customer immediately apply a face mask to the customer (if possible) and make arrangements for the customer to be taken home.

A deep clean should be completed of the areas where the customer has been. The bubble that the customer is in will need to be looked at and a discussion around collapsing this.

Regardless of the result staff should continue to follow all IPC measures such as wearing PPE, washing hands and social distancing where possible.

- Staff should wear PPE in line with the [PPE Staff Guidance Table](#) and should be disposed of safely using the clinical waste bins as per [Waste Guidance Protocol](#).