

What is mass testing?

Up to a third of individuals who test positive for COVID-19 have no symptoms at all and can therefore spread it unknowingly. That is why the testing of people without symptoms is vital. Identifying those individuals will save lives. This is what is known as 'mass testing.'

What is the test?

Please click on this link to see a video clip of what the testing will look like at EBS -

<https://youtu.be/93XbFWcXWfQ>

The LFDs provided to schools and colleges are simple to use and young people can swab themselves, with a trained person supervising them.

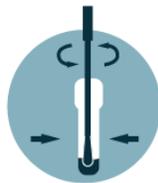
The **lateral flow test** (also referred to as a rapid test) involves a handheld kit that gives a result in about 30 minutes and does not require a laboratory. Fluid from a nasal swab or saliva goes on one end, then a marking appears if you are positive.

How the rapid tests work

1 Swab from nose or throat



2 Specimen added to extraction tube



3 Drops of extraction solution added to test cartridge



4 Wait 20-30 mins



5 Read results



How will the test take place and who does it?

- The test will take place in an individual bay in the sports hall.
- The student will conduct the test themselves and will be overseen by a test administrator.
- The test administrator will have undergone training and is either an existing member of staff or a volunteer,



How does my child get the result?

Your child will be informed of a negative result, you will be contacted if your child receives a positive result.

How often will my child be tested?

- Students will be offered three Lateral Flow Device (LFD) rapid tests spaced three to five days apart (minimum 3 days).
- The reason for the second and third test is to ensure accuracy because the rapid test does not always pick up a low viral load.
- Students will then be issued with tests to complete at home, these should take place on a Sunday and then 3-5 days afterwards.

You will receive an email advising you of the time of your child's test. If you wish for them to take the test, you will need to complete the consent form by clicking here <https://bit.ly/35agONb> and using the following

<u><<Forename>> <<Surname>></u>	ID Reference <u><<Admin No>></u>
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Please also refer to the privacy notice on the website here

If consent is not received, we are unable to test your child. The guidance states:

- 11-15 year olds may self-swab (swab their own nose/throat) with supervision of an appropriate member of staff if they have the consent of their parent or guardian.
- Young people aged 16+ may self-swab, provided the site staff are satisfied that they are 'Gillick Competent' (able to consent to their own medical treatment without parent or guardian present)".

The consent form is valid for all future tests.