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TESTING INTERVENTION FOR CARE HOME STAFF

Your care home is taking part in an important research study to find out if it still makes sense to regularly test staff who don't have symptoms for COVID-19 to protect residents from severe disease.

Around **280** care homes are taking part. Half of the homes will do extra testing and the other half will not.

YOUR HOME IS TAKING PART IN EXTRA TESTING



This means that you will be asked to:

1. **Test twice weekly using lateral flow device (LFD) tests** using exactly the same process as you did throughout the pandemic; a range of NHS training resources are always available if you want to refresh your technique. Test at home and fit it into your own pre-work routine.
2. **Upload your test results** in the usual way via (www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result) – this is a very important part of the study as it will allow us to collect the information on your COVID-19 test results. All staff members' personal information (name, date of birth, NHS number and address) is removed from the dataset before it is provided to the research team.



If you test POSITIVE:

- You must **inform your work and self-isolate**.
- You will receive sick pay - **asymptomatic staff who test positive are eligible for sick pay** to support you to self-isolate (details on how to access this will be available from your provider).



In addition, for participating in this study:

- Each home will receive a **£50 contribution to the staff fund** for each month they take part.

Please note that you do NOT have to take part in this study – you do NOT have to test if you don't want to. If you don't want data from your test results to be used in this way, you can 'opt-out' by talking to your care home manager and completing a form. Alternatively, you can use the NHS data opt out mechanism (www.digital.nhs.uk/services/national-data-opt-out).

For more information on HOW WE ARE USING DATA in this study, please see ORANGE POSTER 2.