

# NHS Lothian COVID-19 SPEED READ



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## Important Information

### Staff Lateral Flow Testing – Changes to the Lateral Flow Test online portal



We know that many of you are doing your twice weekly Lateral Flow Test but are struggling with the online portal to register the results. As a result of your feedback, from yesterday Sunday 14 March, if you use the Scottish Covid Testing Portal to record the results of your lateral flow tests, you will be able to create user accounts which will reduce the need to input the same information each time.

If you choose to create an account, it will ask you a series of questions about why you are taking tests, where you work, and the kind of work you do; along with personal information such as contact details for contact tracing purposes. This information will be retained by the system so that,

once signed in, each time you record a test you only have to input information about the test itself and the result. We are hopeful that this will reduce the burden on you and make it easier for you to report your results to us.

In addition for those areas that are uploading the information on behalf of staff, NHS Services Scotland has also launched a bulk upload functionality for lateral flow tests. You can download the template spreadsheet and complete the information and upload up to 50 test results at one time. You do not need to be registered to use the bulk upload feature.

We continue to work with our partners to improve this experience for you and have more developments planned, including the ability to see your testing history, and barcode reading functionality.

Thank you for your patience and participation in the staff testing programme. By taking the time to test yourself and register your results you are keeping both your patients and colleagues safe from COVID-19.

Just a reminder that the LFD test kits you have been issued with are for self-use. If you find you have a positive result, and you have been in contact with family members, they are required to go through the normal process. The LFD box provided to Healthcare workers is only registered for individual use through MHRA.

We look forward to updating you further in the near future and would ask you to continue to register your LFT results at [nhsns.service-now.com/covidtesting](https://nhsns.service-now.com/covidtesting)

**If you have information directly related to COVID that you would like to be considered for the Speed Read please send it to [Lothian.Communications@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:Lothian.Communications@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk)  
Please ensure that your service is content with information before sending.**

## Staff Helplines – Updated location

We have a number of helplines and support options available for staff. **You can find this information on the [NHS Lothian website, under the 'Staff' section.](#)**

## Important Reminders

**You can now find useful links for the latest guidance and information on the [COVID-19 Base](#) on the intranet above the daily Speed Reads.**

If you have any communication related questions please email: [lothian.communications@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:lothian.communications@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk)