**Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Testing**

For pharmacy Locums, Locums should in the first instance access testing kits from a pharmacy if they already have a relationship with one.  If they cannot access kits in this way they should contact NSS directly at nss.PrimaryCareLFDOrderKits@nhs.scot providing their GPhC number, name and postal address.    **(UPDATED 25/03/2021)**

As you may be aware, twice weekly Lateral Flow Device (LFD) testing of healthcare workers is now being expanded to include patient-facing staff in Primary Care including General Practice, Dentistry, Optometry and Pharmacy.

Please find below, a Directors’ Letter (DL) setting out more information about the testing pathway and how test-kits will be distributed to Primary Care.  I have also attached documents setting out the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), which provide more details about the testing programme.

The DL and supporting guidance can also be viewed [**here**](https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-healthcare-worker-testing/).

Each contractor will receive an initial allocation of tests with an email address to contact should more be required.

I would strongly recommend that when you set this up for your pharmacy you agree a rota where staff are tested on different days. This is to ensure pharmacy services are not put at risk if all staff test positive on the same day.

* [LFD - Directors Letter (DL)](https://www.communitypharmacy.scot.nhs.uk/media/4134/lfd-testing-dl-2020-32.pdf)
* [LFD - SOP](https://www.communitypharmacy.scot.nhs.uk/media/4133/lfd-sop.pdf)
* [LFD - FAQs](https://www.communitypharmacy.scot.nhs.uk/media/4132/lfd-faqs.pdf)
* [LFD - Training Materials](https://learn.nes.nhs.scot/28079/coronavirus-covid-19/protecting-yourself-and-your-workplace-environment)

**All CPs should now order any additional boxes of tests required from:**[**nss.PrimaryCareLFDOrderKits@nhs.scot**](mailto:nss.PrimaryCareLFDOrderKits@nhs.scot)