

Strategic Policy, Performance and Population



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Keep Your Guard Up – Keep Testing

Dear school/college staff and students in Years 11+,

Teachers and staff working in private and Government provided nurseries, schools and college as well as students in Years 11 and above, are encouraged to book a PCR test this week before the start of the summer term.

Bookings can be made by calling 0800 735 5566.

Covid-19 positive cases in all schools and colleges, in the Island, remain very low. However, we must continue to keep our guard up, follow the public health guidelines and keep testing.

As a reminder, up to a third of individuals who test positive for Covid-19 have no symptoms at all and can, therefore, spread the virus unknowingly. Consequently, testing for those without symptoms remains vital.

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Testing

This is part of our enduring response to the Covid-19 pandemic. This test, as in January, is being offered to the school and college workforce as well as older students (Year 11 and above). This testing opportunity is important to make sure that new cases of Covid-19 are identified so we can prevent or break a chain of coronavirus infection.

Lateral Flow Device Testing (LFD)

Additionally, every staff member in primary and secondary schools and colleges, as well as students in Years 11 and above will continue to be offered weekly Lateral Flow Testing (LFT) for Covid-19 on their school premises after the Easter break.

Lateral Flow Testing is designed to provide an additional layer of preventative safety measures by detecting asymptomatic cases to help keep schools open and children and young people in continuous face-to-face learning.

We would like to thank all schools and colleges, staff and students for their hard work and commitment to these testing programmes so we can continue to keep children, young people, staff and the community safe.

Yours sincerely,

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