



Local testing - COVID-19 variant

Community COVID Testing in Hart and Rushmoor and surrounding areas

26th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

You will have heard on the local news that there are a small number of confirmed cases in the local area of the COVID-19 variant first found in India. The government has introduced rapid local testing (also known as surge testing) in areas such as ours where cases of new COVID-19 variants have been detected.

Community testing, or surge testing, takes place in addition to existing extensive testing. It helps to monitor and suppress further spread of the virus. **People living in targeted areas are being encouraged to take this additional test from today, Wednesday 26 May until Wednesday 9 June.**

This testing is only for people without symptoms of coronavirus.

Residents who are living or working in the following postcodes are invited to book PCR tests:

- GU51
- GU52
- GU11
- GU12

As a Heatherside School Community we have all worked hard together to ensure our own safety and that the wider community remains safe. This is a way you can help the community and the medical professionals by taking a PCR test to support this work.

The following mobile testing units will be open from 8am to 8pm every day from Wednesday 26 May to Wednesday 9 June.

- Hart District Council car park, Fleet, GU51 4AE
- Napier Gardens, Farnborough, GU11 2JH
- High Street multi-story car park, Wellington Avenue, Aldershot, GU11 1SD
- Blackwater and Hawley Leisure Centre, Camberley, GU17 9BW is open from 8am to 6pm.

All four sites are accessible as drive-through or walk-up, full details for booking a test are given below.

Please note that anyone aged from 12 to 15 must be accompanied by a parent or carer. Tests are not offered to any child aged under 12 years

Those taking part will be notified of their result – whether positive or negative for coronavirus – by NHS Test and Trace. All positive results will be sent for further analysis and genome-sequencing to determine which strain of the virus they may have.

Anyone with symptoms of coronavirus should not take part in this initiative but continue to attend their local testing site.

Booking a test

- [Book a test](#) using the national booking website, which will take you to your nearest available local testing site.
- Alternatively you can book a test kit for yourself and three others in your household to be sent to your address to complete at home.

Remember to scroll to the bottom of each page and press the ‘continue’ button to go to the next page.

Remember that these are PCR tests, not Lateral Flow tests; we are encouraged to continue using Lateral Flow Tests twice weekly and to report these results [online](#).

For full and up to date details of the community testing in Hart and Rushmoor, please visit the [Hampshire County Council page](#).

Kind regards.

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