Staff Coronavirus testing

Key Worker SOP/Pathway

Testing for Coronavirus is offered to staff self-isolating due to possible infection or household infection, but who are otherwise well enough to return to work.

The test is requested by the employer as an occupational health intervention to speed return to work.

The following steps must be carried out to request a test:

* When a staff member reports as self-isolating due to Coronavirus check:
  + Are they registered with a South Tyneside GP?
  + Are they fit enough to be at work?
  + Can they travel by car to Stanhope Parade for a test?
  + Do they consent to being tested for Coronavirus & the result being sent to the Practice?
* Only request a test if the answer to all of the above is “Yes”!
* When a staff member is self-isolating due to household contact, then the person to be tested is the household member to have fallen sick most recently. Check travel / consent for the relevant household member as above.
* Complete the Coronavirus staff test request form & e-mail to Everest Mthombeni [everest.mthombeni@nhs.net](mailto:everest.mthombeni@nhs.net) .

The testing hub will then prioritise patients according to agreed criteria and follow the below steps:

* The hub will contact the practices of identified staff who require tests (or their family member if being tested) and request them to the Coronavirus test on ICE.
* Once request is received, the hub will then call staff member and book them in to the next available appointment at the Coronavirus test hub at Stanhope Parade.

The test results will come to the normal staff GP who will inform them of their results.