



Get a Coronavirus test and help to reduce the spread

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We are very grateful to everyone who has followed the advice to self-isolate and get a test if they have had symptoms of coronavirus.

As we are facing new restrictions in West Lancashire it is more important than ever that we all play our part to beat coronavirus.

To help us all avoid further restrictions please continue to self-isolate and get tested if you have symptoms.

The symptoms are probably well-known to all of us, but here they are again just to make sure:

1. Loss/change in sense of smell
2. Loss/change in sense of taste
3. High temperature
4. New continuous cough

It is free to get a test and if you have symptoms then you can book with the mobile testing unit at Edge Hill University on Thursday 1 October and Friday 2 October between 10.30am and 3.30pm by visiting the NHS.uk dedicated COVID-19 testing site <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>. Alternatively you can dial 119. Translation services are available on that number. The testing unit will be based on the tennis courts on campus and will be signposted.

Testing is available to everyone living in West Lancashire. You must book in advance in order to get a test, and you will only be able to book from the evening before testing begins.

Councillor Ian Moran, Leader of West Lancashire Borough Council: "Coronavirus is a very real risk to everyone in our communities and can affect people of all ages. So we all need to do what we can to reduce the spread:

"Having symptoms of coronavirus can be very worrying, but by self-isolating and getting a test you can protect your family, friends and work colleagues."

Dr Peter Gregory, a local GP and chair at NHS West Lancashire CCG, said:

“As we come towards the colder autumn and winter months, it’s more important than ever now that we all play our part to help ensure that we keep control of this virus and help prevent it from spreading.”

More information about testing at this site is available here www.westlancs.gov.uk/covid19test.