

New Mobile Coronavirus Testing Unit In Hesketh Bank Available Along With Sites In Ormskirk and Skelmersdale

As well as the two permanent testing sites mentioned below there will be mobile testing units in different parts of the borough on different days during the rest of January.

One of these will be based at West Lancashire College in Skelmersdale between 10am and 3pm on the following days:

Saturday 16 January
Sunday 17 January
Saturday 23 January
Sunday 24 January
Saturday 30 January
Sunday 31 January

The exact address is: West Lancashire College, Skelmersdale Campus, College Way, Skelmersdale, Lancashire, WN8 6DX.

The other will be in the car park at All Saints Church Hall, Hesketh Bank, between 10am and 3pm on the following days:

Monday 18 January
Tuesday 19 January
Thursday 28 January
Friday 29 January

The exact address is: All Saints Church Hall Car Park, Station Road, Hesketh Bank, PR4 6SQ.

Testing at these sites will be available to West Lancashire residents travelling by vehicle and on foot. You must book in advance in order to get a test, and you will only be able to book from the previous evening.

Testing site at Westgate, Skelmersdale

A testing site has opened in the overflow car park close to Sandy Lane Health Centre in Skelmersdale. The site will be open 8am–8pm seven days a week.

Although it is close to the health centre and behind the shops on Sandy Lane, the

full address of the site is: Westgate Overflow Car Park, Westgate, Skelmersdale.

Testing site at Edge Hill University, Ormskirk

A testing site is open on the tennis courts at Edge Hill University seven days a week between 8am and 8pm. This site is open to local residents as well as students.

This is a walk in facility. If you arrive by car, you will be asked to park your vehicle and walk to the testing site ready for your appointed time. If you arrive on foot, you will be directed by testing facility staff upon arrival and asked to follow clearly marked routes which avoid accessing the main areas of campus itself.

Members of the public attending for a booked test have been asked not to use any facilities on site during their visit and to follow the planned routes to reach the testing site and then leave the campus once they have taken their test.

How to book a test

For any members of the public displaying symptoms of COVID-19 and wanting to apply for a test, please visit <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>, alternatively you can dial 119. Translation services are available on this number.

The main symptoms of COVID-19 include:

a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)

a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms, although not everyone with coronavirus shows symptoms.

If you have symptoms of COVID-19, however mild, then you must self-isolate for 10 days from when your symptoms started and arrange to have a test. This means that you must not go to work, school, university or public places – work from home if you can.

If you live with someone who has tested positive, someone in your support bubble has symptoms or tested positive, or you are told to isolate by NHS Test and Trace then you'll also need to self-isolate for 10 days.

Further information on COVID-19 symptoms and what to do if you display symptoms are available here.

The latest information on where people are required to wear facecoverings is here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own>.

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