

# COVID-19 TESTING CENTRE

## SELLAFIELD COVID-19 TESTING CENTRE

We have developed an Enterprise Risk Assessment which sets out how we will ensure social distancing on the Sellafield site as far as reasonably practicable. In those instances where close working for a short period of time is unavoidable, working at one metre with risk mitigation in place will be applied. This social distancing is our first line of defence against Covid-19.

In line with the UK Government's evolving approach to contact tracing, we have established an additional layer to this in the form of our own internal contact tracing and a rapid testing facility for Sellafield Ltd employees (including ASWs and CSWs) and contractors working on the Sellafield site.

Use of the testing centre is voluntary and does not affect your access to the government testing service and local testing centres.

Our testing centre aims to provide your results quickly, usually between 1.5 hours and 3 hours after taking the test.

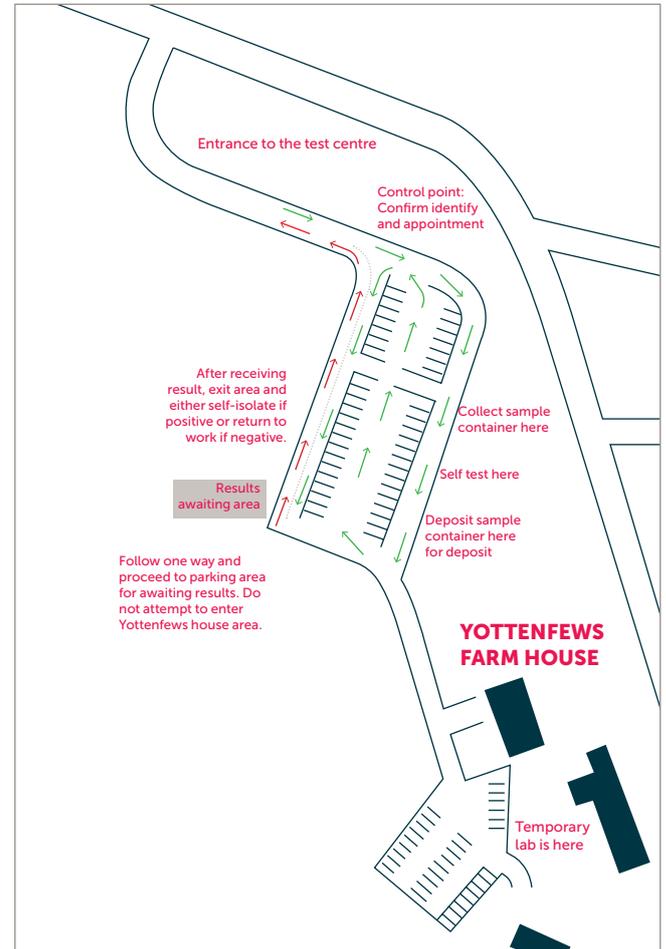
## ASKING YOU TO ATTEND THE TESTING CENTRE

You attend the testing centre if you are working on site or in a nearby off-site office location and start to display Covid-19 symptoms (high fever, a new and persistent cough, or the sudden loss of taste and smell). If you start to feel these symptoms, you should alert your line manager or team leader, who will then book a test for you by calling the Contact Tracing Team on 019467 85829.

You might also be asked to attend if you have been identified as recently being in close contact with a colleague who has tested positive for Covid-19. By this we mean if, in the 48 hours before your colleague started displaying Covid-19 symptoms, you have:

- Had face-to-face contact with them (less than 1 metre away)
- Spent more than 15 minutes within 2 metres of them
- Travelled in a car or other small vehicle with them (even on a short journey)

**Note:** You cannot access the testing centre without your line manager booking an appointment for you beforehand (and you will also need your P4 pass). Anyone arriving without a pre-booked test and their identification will not be tested.



## HOW TO GET TO THE TESTING CENTRE

The testing centre has been established off site, close to where the Sellafield Visitors Centre used to stand.

You will be asked to make use of the one-way system around the car park, following the clearly marked self-test process as you do so. More information on how the test is carried out can be found over the page.

The testing centre has been designed to be carried out by individuals in their own cars. You will not need to leave your car at any point during the test. You should also park and wait in the designated area while awaiting the result of the test.

Pedestrian access may be possible but is not advised.

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## WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE TEST?

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- You should park in the designated waiting area, and await the results of your test, which should normally take between 1.5 and 3 hours. If it is likely to take longer, the facility team will advise.

- There are three possible test outcomes:

- A negative result.
- A positive result.
- Indeterminate.

- If the result is negative and you feel well enough to do so, you can return to work.

If the result is negative but you do not feel well enough to return to work, you should follow the normal HR sickness absence process.

- If the result is positive, your sample will be sent for further analysis at a laboratory away from the Sellafield site to confirm the diagnosis. This can take 24 hours. You should inform your line manager from home and continue to self isolate while waiting for the final laboratory diagnosis.

- If your test is positive, you should contact your line manager again to inform them. You should then follow the NHS guidance on self-isolation for those with Covid-19 ([guidance available here](#)).

- If the result is indeterminate then you may need to attend the test centre to complete the test again.

## HOW IS THE TEST CARRIED OUT?

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The process to carry out the test is very simple. The staff at the testing facility will guide you through this, using easy to follow signage.

There are 4 'stations'.

A marshall will ask you to show your P4 pass.

A sampling kit will be placed in your car via the passenger window.

Take a nasal swab yourself (it may be helpful to watch [this YouTube video](#) which shows you how to do it). You will need to view this video on your own personal device.

Deposit the bag in a collection container. The containers are collected and then taken to the mobile laboratory for testing.

## WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR INFORMATION?

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If you develop the symptoms of Covid-19, you will be able to access our testing service if you wish to.

In doing so, you are consenting to the test itself and to your test data to be shared with Public Health England in order to help the national effort to manage the pandemic. You can withdraw your consent at any time.

Your testing information will be retained for the duration of the testing facility contract, plus 28 days, after which the company will delete it. Aggregated anonymised statistics may be retained for longer but will not be traceable back to personal data.

Your data is only shared if your test is positive.

## IS THE PROCESS THE SAME FOR EVERYBODY?

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This system is primarily designed to protect our ability to operate the Sellafield site safely and securely - and was developed with site operations in mind. We are sufficiently confident in the capacity to broaden its availability to all Sellafield employees, our ASWs and CSWs as well as our site-base contractors (ie contractors actively working on the site at the point they need a test). The booking process is the same for everyone - ie line managers and contract managers call 019467 85829 to establish your particular circumstances and book a test slot.