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Letter to all frontline keyworkers who live or work Kent

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Dear Sir/Madam

Symptom-free COVID-19 testing

Kent County Council is launching a symptom-free testing scheme for **key workers** and their families across the county from 4 January 2021 and you are invited to book a test now.

The test uses a lateral flow device and can detect in 30 minutes whether you have the COVID-19 virus. It is estimated that up to 1 in 3 people who are infected with COVID-19 have no symptoms and are likely to spreading the virus unknowingly, which is why we are launching this initiative.

By identifying people with COVID-19, asking them to self-isolate, alongside the existing Hand, Face, and Space messages and other Tier 4 rules, we will reduce the spread of the virus and protect our families, friends and community.

To have a test, you must be symptom free of COVID-19 and **not be self-isolating** because of having had contact with an active case.

You must have booked in advance using the following link.

https://kcc.healthit.org.uk/covbook/home

You will need to bring your mobile phone, your booking confirmation, proof of identify (photo ID) and a household bill or other proof of your address with you. You will not be admitted without this proof. Results will be delivered to you via either your email address or your mobile phone

On the day, if you have symptoms of COVID-19, you should not attend, but book a symptom test via the Government Coronavirus portal: www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test

We hope that you will take this new opportunity to join in the fight against coronavirus and keep your family and community safe.

Yours faithfully

Andrew Scott-Clark
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