

Care Home Access to NHS Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Testing

Selected Community pharmacies in Greater Manchester are offering LFD testing services for care home residents.

Following an update to the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) in May 2025, several cohorts of patients are no longer eligible for the service.

To check if your patients are eligible, please see the [NICE guidance](#)



Actions for Care Homes

1. **Check stock expiry dates** of LFD kits
2. **Assess stock levels** to ensure there are enough kits for all eligible residents in an outbreak
3. **Use the [LFD Service Finder](#)** to confirm if your pharmacy provides the service



If your **pharmacy provides the LFD service**

- Contact the pharmacy to order enough kits for eligible residents, specifying it's for the NHS LFD service access

If your **pharmacy does not provide the LFD service**

- Use the Service Finder to locate a nearby pharmacy offering the service.
- Contact a pharmacy to order enough kits for eligible residents, specifying it's for the NHS LFD service access

Note: Pharmacies may need 1-2 working days to order sufficient LFD stock from wholesalers.

Plan ahead and avoid waiting until there's an outbreak.

