



## Lateral Flow Device Test Kit (LFD)

### Personal Assistants - Frequently Asked Questions

From week beginning 8 February, Personal Assistants will have access to twice weekly Lateral Flow Device Test kits (LFD). The LFD will provide rapid response results in 30 minutes. As per current guidance, these will be issued to personal assistants who have regular face to face contact with members of the public from a service delivery perspective.

#### How do I access a Lateral Flow Device Test Kit?

LFD kits can be accessed through Take Control by contacting [infosl@takectrl.org.uk](mailto:infosl@takectrl.org.uk) / 01698 892372, you will be asked to complete a Lateral Flow Device Test Kit Receipt (LFD05) prior to receiving the test kits. When complete this must be returned to Take Control to confirm your acknowledgement and understanding of your role and responsibility associated with the kits. **No Test Kits will be issued without completion of this receipt.**

Once Take Control receives your receipt, they will contact you to arrange to collect a box of test kits.

Personal Assistants must continue to test themselves during periods of leave so that, in the event of a positive test, they can begin their period of self-isolation at that point.

#### How do I use a Lateral Flow Device Test Kit?

Each box will consist of 25 lateral flow device test kits which will provide enough kits to undertake twice weekly testing over a 12 week period. There is also an additional spare test which will allow for an initial practice test to be undertaken as part of familiarisation of the process.

Personal Assistants testing guidance before undertaking any lateral flow testing. If, having read the guidance and instructions, you are still unsure of how to use the kit you can contact your line manager or employer for additional support.

At the end of the 12 week period and if you still meet the criteria you should access a further box of 25 LFD kits by contacting Take Control and following the same process including aving to complete a further (LFD05) receipt.

#### Do I still need to wear PPE and follow infection control measures?

Yes, the wearing of PPE, following infection control measures, good hand hygiene and social distancing remains as vitally important as ever regardless of being involved in a testing regime. Testing should be seen as an **additional** measure to control the spread of the virus.

#### Do I still need to do testing and use full PPE if I am vaccinated?

Yes, absolutely.