

# Care Home Lateral Flow Devices

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# Care Home Lateral Flow Devices: SARS-CoV-2

Central Process:

The National Testing Programme



# Summary: visiting care homes during COVID-19

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/visiting-care-homes-during-coronavirus/summary-visiting-care-homes-during-covid-19>

If testing is not available, indoor visits may be possible in Tier 1 areas if they are limited to 2 people. This means relying on social distancing, no physical contact, PPE and good hand hygiene. Testing is always the better option.

# Guidance: Tier 2: High alert

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-2-high-alert#visiting-relatives-in-care-homes>

## **Visiting relatives in care homes**

Visits to care homes can take place with arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Regular testing will be offered to up to two family members or friends per resident by Christmas, which – when combined with other infection-control measures such as PPE – will support indoor visits with physical contact. Detailed guidance will be published shortly.

# Interpreting Lateral Flow Test Results

A **negative** result **does not mean** virus free

- A third of those with the virus may test negative

A **positive** result **does not mean** virus detected

- For every 5 people who test positive only 2 will have the virus

A person testing negative is less likely to have the virus

A person testing positive is more likely to have the virus