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## Rapid COVID-19 home test collection in East Leake now available to all over 18s

Anyone over 18 can now collect two free rapid COVID-19 tests per person in East Leake on Friday April 9 and Friday April 16 as part of the government's wider lateral flow testing rollout.

A community collect station will be in place at Gotham Road car park in the village from 9am to 3pm on each date.

It follows news all Nottinghamshire residents over 18 will be able to access the free, tests for themselves and their families to use twice a week.

From Friday (April 9), in line with the government announcement, people aged 18 and over in Nottinghamshire and Nottingham will be able to collect two boxes of seven tests per person or four boxes per family from [asymptomatic community testing](#) sites.

This also includes the mobile site at Cotgrave Hub next to the Police Station on Wednesdays and Saturdays located at Rivermead, Cotgrave, NG12 3UQ, whilst stocks last.

People collecting boxes from community testing sites can also have a supervised test to help ensure that tests done at home are accurate.

People aged 18 and over will also be able to collect the same number of tests from local pharmacies through the Government's new 'Pharmacy Collect' service. Local participating pharmacies can be found at [Find a test centre \(test-and-trace.nhs.uk\)](#)

If testing at home, people will need to [register their results online](#) or by calling 119. They should self-isolate if positive and order a confirmatory PCR test.

Previously, the collections had only been available for the households of primary school, secondary school and college age children, including childcare and support bubbles.

Further possible dates are being assessed for the East Leake collection site and will be publicised once confirmed.

Rapid testing has until now been available to those most at risk and people who need to leave home for work, including frontline NHS workers, care home staff and residents, and schoolchildren and their families.

With rapid testing offered to everyone, people are being encouraged to take regular tests to help prevent outbreaks and get back to a more normal way of life.

Dawn Jenkin, Public Health Consultant at Nottinghamshire County Council said: “The government has expanded its rapid testing programme so that everyone can get themselves tested twice a week. We know that around a third of people with Covid-19 do not experience any symptoms and may be spreading the virus without knowing.

“Rapid testing detects cases quickly, meaning positive cases can isolate straight away. As these rapid tests are being made available to everyone, and if everyone uses them, more cases will be detected, thereby breaking chains of transmission. This will help to suppress and control the spread of the virus and in turn help to reopen society and the economy more safely.”

Regular, rapid testing for people without symptoms remains available through the following existing routes:

- a home ordering service, which allows people to order lateral flow tests online to be delivered to their home
- workplace testing programmes, on-site or at home
- testing on-site at schools and colleges.

Anyone with symptoms of Covid-19 should [book a test online](#) or by calling 119.

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