

Dear Parent, Guardian, Carer, Stakeholder or Friend of DSTC

Potential Asymptomatic COVID-19 Testing at DSTC - finding a workforce

By now you will be aware of the 'mass rapid testing in schools' initiative that was announced as schools were breaking up for Christmas. All schools and colleges with secondary-age students are being offered the opportunity for supervised self testing of all staff and students **who do not have symptoms**, to see if they are carrying the virus (asymptomatic) and therefore need to self isolate. At present approximately 1/3rd of Covid cases are asymptomatic, identifying these individuals will further help to reduce the spread of the virus. This is a laudable initiative if it is properly resourced and run, however it is not mandatory for schools to take part. We do not yet have enough information to decide if DSTC will be able to proceed. This is because the Government and NHS are still designing training materials and support tools for schools.

On the 4th January, Senior Leaders and Key Governors will be making a decision based on those newly published materials and the response from this letter. We will need to make a decision on the 4th regardless of any changes to the arrangements for return to school dates that may be announced soon. We would need to find a workforce of about 12 suitable people who can carry out a variety of roles as outlined below.

To this end we are asking for anyone who wishes to be part of the workforce to make an expression of interest using the attached form. This is just to see if there would be a sufficient pool of local people who could help us during January to roll out the testing should we decide to proceed.

The roles would start as soon as possible after 4th January and last approximately 4-6 weeks.

Whilst it would be ideal for this workforce to be full time, we recognise that some roles may be shared to allow for those only able to work part-time to be involved. You can make this clear in the expression of interest form which is a series of questions. We are also looking to see if there are people who would volunteer their time.

At present we are being told we would need the following staff:

Quality Lead / Team Leader - £15/hr

Responsible for the overall on-site operations at the test site, including day-to-day workforce management. Ensure quality assurance, incidents, risks mitigation across the testing service

Test Assistants - £10/hr

Provides guidance and supervision to subjects on swabbing as requested. Collects completed swabs and passes them to the Processor. Ensures cleaning of swabbing bays.

Processors - £10/hr

Prepares test sample for analysis, conducts processing of LFD and interprets result. Provides results to the Results Recorder. Ensures cleaning of processing bays.

Results recorder - £10/hr

Collates results from Processor and uploads to digital solution. Further details on the digital solution will be provided in the 'How to' Guide provided separately

Registration assistant - £10/hr

Responsible for ensuring subjects have registered and distributing test kits on arrival. Ensures orderly entry of subjects onto the testing site.

Cleaner - £10/hr

Cleans the testing bays, and ensures waste is correctly disposed of, including working with clinical waste provider to dispose of clinical waste

All expressions of interest are needed by 8.30am on Monday 4th January 2021.

Please fill out the GoogleForm below to express your interest in any of the above roles:

[Asymptomatic COVID-19 testing workforce](#)

Or use your phone camera/QR reader to go direct to the form.



Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Yours sincerely

A Davis