**First rapid Covid-19 test site for key workers in Bath and North East Somerset**

The first new rapid Covid-19 test site will open in Bath and North East Somerset on Monday 1 March, to prevent the spread of the virus among people without symptoms (asymptomatic).

Around 1 in 3 people with Covid-19 have no symptoms so could be spreading the disease without knowing it. Broadening testing to identify those showing no symptoms will mean finding positive cases more quickly, and break chains of transmission.

From Wednesday 24 February, people can [book a quick, free and easy lateral flow test (LFT)](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/rapidtest) at the Apex Hotel in Bath – whether you’re a key worker, volunteer or you’re unable to work from home.

All staff working out in the community are being encouraged to get tested at least once per week – and preferably twice, 3-5 days apart.

Getting tested is a really easy way to help keep your loved ones and work mates safe. And with the Government’s roadmap opening up a way for people to return to work, ensuring you get tested will be an important part of making the workplace a safer place to be.

Further sites will open at the Masonic Hall in Keynsham (Monday 8 March) and the Centurion Hotel in Midsomer Norton (Wednesday 10 March). And all sites will be open from 7am to 7pm, Monday to Saturday.

**Book now: via** [www.bathnes.gov.uk/rapidtest](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/rapidtest)

Appointments are available in five-minute slots and can be booked up to two weeks in advance. The test process including registration on arrival takes around 15 minutes and results are sent by text or email, usually within one hour.

The rapid Covid-19 test site addresses and opening dates:

* March1 – Apex City of Bath Hotel, James Street West, Bath, BA1 2DA
* March 8 – Keynsham Masonic Hall, 99 Bath Road, Keynsham, BS31 1SR
* March 10 – Centurion Hotel, Charlton Lane, Midsomer Norton, Radstock, BA3 4BD

If you want to know more about the LFTs, who can take the tests, and what happens if you test positive, please read these FAQs. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/understanding-lateral-flow-antigen-testing-for-people-without-symptoms>

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