

COVID-19 Briefing

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NEW Asymptomatic Testing Centres for Retford and surrounding villages

A new Asymptomatic Testing Centre, for people who are not displaying Covid-19 symptoms, will open next week for people who live or work in Retford and the surrounding villages.

- Retford Town Hall, will open on Tuesday 9 March.

The timetable of opening times for the Retford and surrounding villages Testing Centres is as follows:

Site	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Retford Town Hall	CLOSED	8am-6pm	7am-5pm	8am-6pm	8am-6pm	8.30am–3pm	CLOSED

The centres are run in partnership with Nottingham County Council and encourage people without symptoms of Covid-19 (asymptomatic) to drop in and get a FREE rapid Covid-19 test.

The aim of the Asymptomatic Testing Centres is to help identify and isolate individuals who have Covid-19 but do not have symptoms and may inadvertently be spreading the virus - around 1 in 3 people with Covid-19 don't have any symptoms.

People who live and work in the areas will therefore be encouraged to get a Covid-19 test at the centre at least once a week:

- There is no need to book – people can just drop in.
- People must not attend if they are showing symptoms of Covid-19 and under 16 year olds must come with an adult. For further information please visit: <https://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/community-testing/>
- A positive or negative test results can be given within the hour and support will be offered to those people who test positive.

Regular, rapid, asymptomatic testing will become even more important over the coming weeks and months as schools begin to open and the nation slowly starts to open up following the latest roadmap announcement by the Prime Minister.

Plans are in place to engage with residents, families and businesses in Retford and the surrounding villages over the coming weeks.

This will include activity such as direct mail to households and businesses and targeted messaging to those who have to leave the house for work or other essential purposes. Partnership working through community networks will also take place to help spread the message.

We also welcome your support in encouraging people to access the centre for regular asymptomatic testing. It is hoped asymptomatic testing will run until June 2021.

Please remember...

Approximately 1 in 3 people who have coronavirus have no symptoms and could be spreading it without realising it.

Remember - 'Hands. Face. Space.'

- Hands – wash your hands regularly and for at least 20 seconds
- Face – wear a face covering in indoor settings where social distancing may be difficult, and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet
- Space – stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place (such as wearing face coverings)

Thank you all for your continued help and support at this difficult time.

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