



Department for Education

This is your email to keep you updated on the government's response to coronavirus (COVID-19). If you have colleagues who would like to receive this email directly, please ask them to use this [subscription form](#).

The content of today's email is relevant for secondary schools and colleges.

## **COVID-19 test kit delivery schedules for Asymptomatic Test Sites (ATS) in secondary schools and colleges**

The delivery schedule for the ATS on-site test kit deliveries, and delivery of proportionate PPE, for the week commencing Monday 12 July is now available on the [secondary schools and colleges document sharing platform](#). Please check the published delivery schedule prior to contacting the helpline in relation to expected timescales for receipt of deliveries. Please wait for 48 hours after a scheduled delivery date before contacting the helpline.

## **Instructions for use with Orient Gene COVID-19 test kits for secondary schools and colleges**

A small number of boxes of Orient Gene test kits for ATS testing include incorrect instructions for use. The instructions are incorrect because the swabbing methodology for Orient Gene has been updated for nasal-only swabbing by the manufacturer and is therefore suitable for use by anyone aged 12 or above (the incorrect instructions implied this was not the case). The Orient Gene COVID-19 test kits can be used in schools and colleges for ATS testing, and the published guidance on the [secondary schools and colleges document sharing platform](#) reflects this.

You can download the correct [rapid lateral flow test kit instructions for nose-only test](#).

## **Test kit order reminder for secondary schools and colleges**

If your setting requires test kits before the end of the summer term, please remember that orders must be placed using our [online ordering portal](#) by 5pm on Tuesday 13 July (tomorrow). Any orders placed by this time will be delivered by Friday 23 July.

After Tuesday 13 July, any orders placed between Wednesday 14 July and Saturday 31 July will arrive at the start of the autumn term.

If you need to place an order before 5pm on Tuesday 13 July, but you do not want delivery until next term, you can request a delay by completing the 'additional delivery instructions' free text box when you place your order.

The information below has not changed since our last update

## **Department for Education COVID-19 helpline**

The [Department for Education COVID-19 helpline](#) and the PHE Advice Service (option 1) is available to answer any questions you have about COVID-19 relating to education settings and children's social care.

## **Department for Education guidance**

Our guidance to support education providers, local authorities and parents during the COVID-19 pandemic can be accessed using the links below:

- [Guidance for early years and childcare providers](#)
- [Guidance for schools](#)

- [Guidance for further and higher education providers](#)
- [Guidance for local authority children's services](#)
- [Guidance for special schools and other specialist settings](#)

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