



Communication: Personal Assistants

To whom this may concern

You will have recently received a communication from the Scottish Government regarding the process for testing personal assistants for COVID 19. This is a useful link to all of the information you need to start with this process:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-adult-care-at-home-testing-guidance/>

The guidance suggests that personal assistants should test themselves for COVID 19 using a Lateral Flow Device kit twice a week. Kits will be made available via our local PPE hub, and each personal assistant will initially receive sufficient tests for 4 weeks. This process will commence from the 18th January, and we have included details below about how to access the kits from the hub.

To initiate your order, please contact the following number: 0800 008 6587

Recent experience has suggested that the call handler will take your details and advise you to make arrangements to collect your kit from the store. Unfortunately, and due to health and safety reasons, we can only offer a delivery service. To request a supply of kits (initial supply or top up) please use the following email address:

providerescalations@aberdeencity.gov.uk

Please state your name, contact details and delivery address with postcode. We would hope to have the kits with you within 24 hours of receipt of the request during weekdays.

In the event of a positive test, your personal assistant should follow the guidance and access a PCR test. Details on how people providing social care can access a PCR test are available here:

<https://www.nhsgrampian.org/covid-19/information-for-nhs-grampian-staff/subpages/covid-19-testing/staff-covid-19-testing/>



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Your personal assistant should continue to follow all available guidance for the use of PPE. They should not work if they are displaying symptoms of COVID 19, even if they have had recently had a negative LFD test, and under these circumstances should access a PCR test.

There are a series of webinars that you may wish to attend to help with the testing process. There are limited numbers available for these sessions and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Tuesday 19th January 2021, 12-1pm [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Wednesday 20th January, 11-12pm [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Tuesday 26th January, 12-1pm [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Friday 29th January, 2-3pm [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Monday 1st February, 2-3pm [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Tuesday 2nd February, 2-3pm [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Monday 8th February 2-3pm, [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Tuesday 9th February, 12-1pm [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Monday 15th February 2-3pm, [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Tuesday 16th February 2-3pm, [Click here to join the meeting](#)