

Test collection facility in Heathfield

Dear resident/business,

A temporary testing facility will be at Mill Road car park, Heathfield as part of the drive to increase access to coronavirus testing for our communities.

The mobile unit will be on site Saturday 3rd July and Sunday 4th July and appointments slots will be available to book from 6pm on Friday 2nd July. Visitors to the facility must have pre-booked an appointment.

The mobile unit will be on site Saturday 24th July and Sunday 25th July and appointments slots will be available to book from 6pm on Friday 23rd July. Visitors to the facility must have pre-booked an appointment.

Testing is only available for those either with coronavirus symptoms – a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, or a loss or change to sense or taste – or those who have been asked to get tested by a doctor, public health professional or by their local council. Anyone with one or more of these symptoms should book a test at nhs.uk/coronavirus or by calling 119.

Anyone booking a test will be given advice on how to get to and from the site safely and will be required to follow public health measures, including social distancing, not travelling by taxi or public transport, practicing good hand hygiene and wearing a face covering throughout, including travelling to and from the site.

These precautions, and the fact that access to all test sites is carefully controlled, mean we can reassure the community that there is no exposure to greater risk from nearby testing centres. Samples collected at the sites are sent to laboratories for analysis and results.

We hope that this answers any questions that you may have and thank you for your support and understanding.

Yours faithfully,

Darrell Gale, Director of Public Health for East Sussex

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