



COVID-19 Briefing

20 January 2021

NEW Asymptomatic Testing Centre in Forest Fields and Hyson Green

A new pilot Asymptomatic Testing Centre for people who live and work in Forest Fields and Hyson Green will open at Djanogly Community Leisure Centre, Gregory Boulevard, on Wednesday 20 January 2021.

Nottingham City Council recognises there has been high rates of COVID-19 infections in these areas and citizens living here are of working age and more at risk of COVID-19.

The centre will be run by Nottingham City Council and will 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 Centre 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 Forest Fields and Hyson Green will therefore be encouraged to get a COVID-19 test at the centre at least once a week:

- The Asymptomatic Testing Centre will be open from Monday – Saturday (closed Sundays), from 9.30am until 6.30pm. 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: www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/asymptomatictesting
- The asymptomatic testing pilot will run until March 2021.
- A positive or negative test results can be given within the hour and support will be offered to those people who test positive.

Plans are in place to engage with as many people who live and work in Forest Fields and Hyson Green as possible over the coming weeks.

This will include activity such as direct mail to households and businesses in a variety of different languages and partnership working with community leaders and faith groups in the area to help spread the message.

We could welcome your support in encouraging people who live and work in Forest Fields and Hyson Green to access the centre.

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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