

## LATERAL FLOW TEST PILOT - LONDON - SOUTHWARK CROWN COURT

The SEC is pleased to announce that, from Monday 15th February 2021, a Covid19 testing centre will be opening at Southwark Crown Court. This will be a pilot scheme primarily aimed at priority court users who are using the Court building for hearings during the period of the scheme.

The scheme will operate from Monday 15th February for a period of 3-4 weeks.

HMCTS will not be opening the scheme to members of the public, including those attending the court as witnesses or defendants.

The scheme will be open to jurors and those deemed to be “priority court users” (court staff in public facing roles, the judiciary, security, professional court users attending during the operational period of the scheme). Testing will be conducted on a voluntary basis.

Judiciary, jurors, staff and contracted staff such as cleaners and security will be offered the test twice weekly.

Professional court users can book a test by emailing HMCTS's booking support mailbox, providing the day you would like to be tested and time slot option. The email address is: [SouthwarkTestCentreEnquiriesandSupport@justice.gov.uk](mailto:SouthwarkTestCentreEnquiriesandSupport@justice.gov.uk)

The testing centres will operate from 8am to 4pm with booking slots allocated on an hourly basis (10 minutes per test).

Professional court users will receive a confirmation of bookings once considered by HMCTS's booking scheduler. For more information please contact HMCTS directly on the email address above.

Those booking a test must not eat or drink for 30 minutes before the test. On arrival at the test site, you will be asked to register your details on the NHS portal using a smart phone or other registration device. You will be asked to consent to the test.

More information regarding NHS Test and Trace Data Privacy Notice can be found using the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronaviruscovid-19-testing-privacy-information>

The scheme will be operated by HMCTS using trained personnel specifically recruited to manage the testing site, supervise testing and process results. Tests are self-administered using a lateral flow testing kit, using a swab of your throat and/or nose.

Test results will be communicated to you after 30 minutes by NHS Test & Trace via text message and/or an e-mail using the contact details recorded during the registration process. The wording of the result text will reflect the national guidance published by the NHS. HMCTS will not be made aware of your test result.

The SEC is pleased to see this pilot scheme opening at Southwark and hope that HMCTS will soon be able to open similar testing centres at an increasing number of court buildings.