

# Important - Coronavirus and testing in this area

Public Health England have identified a small number of cases of the South African variant in the W11 area of Colville and Pembridge wards. This suggests that there might be some spread locally in this area.

There is currently no evidence to suggest this variant is more serious than others, or that the vaccine would not protect against it, although it is more contagious.

To see if the variant has spread we are asking everyone aged 16 and over who lives, works or visits the following area to get tested:

Between the Westway in the north, Ladbrooke Square in the south, Ladbrooke Grove in the west and Ledbury Road in the east.

## Why am I being asked to get tested?

Testing when you don't have symptoms can help find the one in three people with Coronavirus who show no symptoms but can spread the virus without knowing.

## Who should get tested?

Anyone over 16 years of age should get tested. This includes people who have already been vaccinated or had Coronavirus, remember you can still pass it on to others.

## How it works

### If you have no symptoms

- Come to one of our Mobile Testing Units or testing sites
- Come alone if you can and don't forget your face covering
- The test is quick and painless, you simply take a swab from your throat and nose

### If you have symptoms

- Book a test by going to [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus) or calling **119**

If you test positive the sample will be tested for the variant. You will need to self-isolate for 10 days to ensure you don't spread it

You will also be contacted by the Test and Trace team to check where you have been in the previous 48 hours in case other people need to be contacted to get tested. For more information go to

[www.rbkc.gov.uk/enhanced-testing](https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/enhanced-testing)



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## Where you can get tested

Mobile testing units are based at:

- Tavistock Square, junction of Portobello Road (8.30am to 4.30pm)
- All Saints Church, between Powis Square and Clydesdale Road (8.30am to 4.30pm)
- 2 - 4 Malton Road, (8am to 8pm)
- You can also collect a home testing kit from Kensington Leisure Centre (8am to 4.30pm, Monday and Wednesday; or 10am to 4pm the rest of the week)

There is a variety of support available to you if you have tested positive, including:

- Check-in and chat support
- Help to collect medicines
- Advice on financial support

You can contact the Covid-19 Hub to access this. You can email **C19Hub@rbkc.gov.uk** or call **020 7361 4326**.

The Hub is open Monday to Friday between 9am and 6pm

## Financial support if you have to self-isolate

We realise that having to self-isolate for 10 days can be more difficult if it also means that you are unable to get paid from work. If you are working and in receipt of certain benefits you will be eligible to receive £500 during your self-isolation period.

If you are the parent or guardian of a child aged 15 or under who has to self-isolate and is in full-time education or child care, you can also now apply for the £500 self-isolation support if you qualify.

Go to **www.rbkc.gov.uk** and search self-isolation financial support or call the Covid-19 Hub.

