

Email from Carolyn Terry to Essex early years and childcare and childcare providers

From: Free Entitlement Funding Queries

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Subject: Urgent - Please Read - Covid-19 Update 3 February 2021 - update on Covid Home Testing Kits

Morning All

I just wanted to let you all know that discussions with Public Health, the DfE and DoHSC remain ongoing, and as yet we are unable to provide suitable kits for home testing. Please be assured we continue to push for this and I will update you when we can.

The District Council collection sites we previously shared with you were a pilot and these have now closed, as of end of January 2021, for collections. Instead we have arranged for you and your staff to use our Lateral Flow testing sites instead for regular twice weekly testing. There are 13 sites across the County and you can read more in the attached FAQs, including how to book a test. Please see the locations listed below

District	Site Name	Site Address
Pitsea	Pitsea at The Place Leisure Centre	13 Northlands Pavement, Basildon SS13 3DU
Basildon	Towngate Theatre	St. Martins Square, Basildon SS14 1DL
Brentwood	Nightingale Centre	Pastoral Way Brentwood Essex CM14 5GB
Rochford	Rayleigh MegaCentre	7 Brook Rd, Rayleigh SS6 7UT
Harlow	Civic Centre	Civic Centre, The Water Gardens, College So CM20 1WG
Epping Forest	Theydon Bois Village Hall	Coppice Row CM16 7ER
Chelmsford	Central Baptist Church	Victoria Rd S, Chelmsford CM1 1LN
Tendring	Long Meadows Community Centre	Long Meadows, Harwich CO12 4US
Colchester	Colchester leisure centre	Colchester Leisure World, Cowdray Ave, Col 1YH
Braintree	Witham Town FC	Witham Town FC, Spa Rd, Witham, CM8 1UF
Maldon	West Maldon Community Centre	Sunbury Way, Maldon CM9 6YH
Castle Point	Waterside Farm Sports Centre	Somnes Avenue, Canvey Island SS8 9RA
Uttlesford	Saffron Walden ECL	39 Audley Rd, Saffron Walden CB11 3HD

I will continue to update on how our discussions are progressing with Public Health, the DfE and DoHSC

Thank you to everyone that has responded to the survey to help us gather in the workforce numbers that would need access to either home testing kits or vaccines, and to date responses have been received from just over a 1,000 childcare providers. This is around two third of the Essex settings so we have kept this survey open until tomorrow (4 February) to

allow some more time for those that haven't yet provided us the workforce numbers we need. The survey can be found at <https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/workforce-development-1/156556b5>

Best wishes.

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