

Questions from the Community during Session COVID-19 Session 8th February 2021

Questions/ Comments for Cara

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<p>Can the messaging about rapid testing include volunteers?</p>	<p>We are keen to encourage anyone who must work outside the home, including volunteers, to get twice weekly testing. You can find a full list of these testing sites and book your tests at www.kingston.gov.uk/rapid-testing. If you live outside the borough, you can also check the government's new national postcode checker to find your nearest rapid testing site.</p> <p>Please contact nighat.taimuri@kingston.gov.uk to make any suggestions on any additional messaging routes to reach volunteers.</p>
<p>If staff or volunteers are getting tests before their work/volunteering shift do they still have to get the rapid tests? As the Volunteer Centre should we say that volunteers *must* get a test? Or is it advised?</p>	<p>We are keen to encourage anyone who must work outside the home, including volunteers, to get twice weekly rapid testing. Tests can be access via the Kingston booking site here:</p> <p>Test is recommended for the safety of all in the workplace and service users.</p>
<p>Could we have a graphic on ventilation and the importance of fresh air?</p>	<p>See here for a short film about the importance of ventilation while indoors: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qYZMOG2kUWg</p> <p>Useful information about improving ventilation in workplace settings can also be found on the Health & Safety Executive website:</p> <p>https://www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/equipment-and-machinery/air-conditioning-and-ventilation.htm</p> <p>Please let us know what type of graphics</p>

	you would find useful. Send suggestions to: nighat.taimuri@kingston.gov.uk
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Questions/Comments for Laura

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Where does data show that Covid-19 spreads most at the moment while people are staying in? At work? On public transport? At Supermarket?	At the moment, the data is showing that the greatest spread is within households (ie one person has been infected from outside the house and then has spread it to other members of the household). We do not have available data on the highest risk locations for where outside the household people are contracting it. The data is showing a wide range of locations - the key point is that transmission can happen in any location if people are close together, not wearing face coverings when indoors or travel or not regularly washing hands with soap after coming into contact with contaminated surfaces.
I have noticed supermarkets are no longer restricting numbers, how are you checking on safe numbers in stores?	The council carries out regular inspections and audits of all essential retail including supermarkets to advise managers on best practice of COVID secure measures. The inspections include checks on queue management, social distancing, availability of sanitizer and wearing of face coverings.
How would you advise disinfecting the building if someone has Covid-19? What method and what chemicals should be used and where can they be purchased?	Guidance about general cleaning during the pandemic, plus specific cleaning advice for areas exposed to COVID-19 can be found here: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings
Is there any follow up for those declining the vaccine?	If individuals choose to decline vaccination when called as part of their priority group, this will not preclude them from changing their mind and having the vaccine in future. However, we would encourage anyone who

	<p>would like the vaccine to take it up as soon as it is offered. At present, a process for following up those who decline has not been confirmed.</p>
<p>Which LDD conditions will be included in Priority Group 6 of the vaccination programme? I have spoken to a number of Carers who are caring for people with ASD and Asperger's and would like to know if they will be included in this priority group for the vaccine.</p>	<p>Priority Group 6 of the vaccination programme covers “adults aged 16 to 65 years in an at-risk group.” More detailed information about the conditions covered can be found in the Greenbook, chapter 14a. Refer to Table 3 on page 9 of the following document:</p> <p>https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/955548/Greenbook_chapter_14a_v6.pdf</p> <p>Please note that the examples in this table are not exhaustive and ultimately decisions will be made by the clinician prescribing the vaccine.</p>