

# Registering your PCR Test online – School and College Testing

Go to: [www.gov.uk/register-home-test](https://www.gov.uk/register-home-test)

Step 1 – go straight to the bottom of the first page and click **Start now**

The screenshot shows the GOV.UK website page for registering a PCR home test kit. At the top, there is a black header with the GOV.UK logo and the text 'Get a coronavirus test'. Below the header, a blue banner reads 'ALPHA This is a new service – your feedback will help us to improve it.' The main heading is 'Register a PCR home test kit'. The text explains that users can register a coronavirus (COVID-19) PCR swab test kit for themselves or someone else, and that registration is required to receive test results. A section titled 'Check what you need' lists three requirements: receiving the kit, finding a Royal Mail priority postbox or booking a courier, and receiving an order confirmation email with a 10-character order ID. A note states that users taking a PCR test before a hospital visit must register their kit. Another section, 'If people you live with have received a test kit', notes that all household members should register and use the kit. A 'Get help to register the test' section suggests a live video call or the Be My Eyes app. A 'How we use your data' section points to a privacy note. At the bottom, there is a green 'Start now >' button.

**GOV.UK** Get a coronavirus test

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## Register a PCR home test kit

Register a coronavirus (COVID-19) PCR swab test kit for you or someone else. PCR tests are different to rapid lateral flow tests. You must register your kit so we can send your test results to you.

### Check what you need

You should only register a home test kit after you've:

- received it
- found your nearest Royal Mail priority postbox or booked a courier to collect it
- got your order confirmation email containing your bold 10 character order ID (you received this when you ordered your test kit)

**If you are taking a PCR test before your hospital visit,** you need to [register](#)

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**If you are taking a PCR test before your hospital visit,** you need to [register your kit here](#).

### If people you live with have received a test kit

- you should register their test kit too
- each person must use the test kit they have registered to receive the correct results

### Get help to register the test


To have a live video call with trained staff, download the free Be My Eyes app for [iOS](#) or for [Android](#) and go to the 'specialised help' section.

### How we use your data

To find out how we use your personal data when you register for a coronavirus test, [read the coronavirus privacy note](#).

**Start now >**

## Step 2 – click **Continue**

 **Get a coronavirus test**

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[Back](#)

## Make sure you know how to return your test kit

Before you register your test kit, it's very important that you know how to return it.

If possible, post your test kit at your [nearest Royal Mail priority postbox](#).

If you cannot get to a priority postbox, read the paper instructions on how to [book a courier](#).

**Continue**

## Step 3 – You will not have an order ID

Go to the bottom of the page and click [register your kit a different way](#)

## What's your order ID?

You'll find your 10-digit order ID at the top of the confirmation email you received when your test kit was ordered.

Entering your order ID is the quickest and easiest way to register your kit - you will not have to enter information previously provided.

Your order ID looks like this in the confirmation email. The email was sent from "Coronavirus Home Testing":

Your 10-digit order ID is: 0123456789 (example)

Order ID

**Continue**

If you did not receive an order ID, you need to [register your kit a different way](#). Please do not use the link if you have an order ID.

Step 4 – Start the registration process. Click **Start now**

The screenshot shows the top of the 'Register a test' page. At the top left is the GOV.UK logo. To its right is the page title 'Register a test'. Below the header is a blue bar with the text 'ALPHA This is a new service – your feedback will help us to improve it.' The main heading is 'Register a coronavirus test'. Below this is a paragraph: 'Use this service to register a coronavirus test for you or someone else.' Another paragraph follows: 'You need to register each coronavirus test to get the results.' A section titled 'To complete this form, you'll need:' contains a bulleted list: 'the test kit barcode for the test you're registering', 'a mobile number (for you or the person you're registering it for)', and 'the Royal Mail barcode on the return box (only if you're registering a home test kit)'. Below the list is a note: 'If you're taking a test before your hospital visit, you need to register your kit here.' A green button with the text 'Start now >' is positioned below the note. At the bottom of the page, the text 'How we use your data' is visible.

Step 5 – You may wish to create an account

Click **Continue** and enter your details

The screenshot shows the account creation options page. At the top left is the GOV.UK logo. To its right is the page title 'Register a test'. Below the header is a blue bar with the text 'ALPHA This is a new service – your feedback will help us to improve it.' A '< Back' link is located at the top left of the main content area. The main heading is 'Would you like to sign in or create an account to save your details?'. There are two radio button options. The first option is selected and is titled 'Sign in or create an account'. Its description reads: 'We'll save your details for each time you get tested. Creating an account only takes 2 minutes and you'll save 5 minutes with every test.' The second option is titled 'Continue without an account'. Its description reads: 'Your details won't be saved for future tests and all information will have to be re-entered.' A green button with the text 'Continue' is positioned below the second option.

**Step 6** – In your pack you will find the unique test kit barcode

## Enter the unique test kit barcode

If you have a home test kit, use the camera on your phone or computer to scan one of the identical barcodes on the plastic tube, plastic bag and return box.

Or you can manually enter the 11 character reference below the barcode.

If you're using a home test kit, you'll find the identical barcodes inside the home test kit, either attached to the plastic vial, biohazard bag and return box or loose for you to stick on yourself (please read instructions).

These are different from your pre-paid Royal Mail return package barcode on your box.

[▶ What does the barcode look like?](#)

Scan barcode

Test kit barcode reference

Confirm test kit barcode reference

**Step 7** – You will not have a Royal Mail barcode

Go to the bottom of the page and click [I do not know my Royal Mail barcode](#)

## Enter the Royal Mail barcode

Use your phone or computer's camera to scan the unique Royal Mail barcode in the home test kit.

This appears on the right-hand side of the label. Do not scan the QR code, which is on the left.

The Royal Mail barcode is also different from the home test kit barcode.

You can also manually enter the 13 character reference below the barcode.

[▶ What does the barcode look like?](#)

Scan barcode

Royal Mail barcode reference  
For example, AA1234 5678 9AA

Confirm Royal Mail barcode reference

[Continue](#)

[I do not know my Royal Mail barcode](#)

**Step 8** – complete the registration process

**Step 9** – swab as directed, package the swab, and return the sealed package to school/college, placing the package in the collection box provided