



## Community Testing in South Staffordshire

South Staffordshire has seen a surge in coronavirus cases over the past few weeks, and we all need to do everything we can to stop it in its tracks. One of the ways we can do this is by finding out how much the virus is circulating in the local community. We do this by testing people who aren't currently showing any symptoms of COVID-19.

Since September 1, around 400 people have tested positive for the virus and cases are continuing to rise.

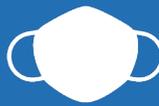
There has been no one single source of infection as transmissions have been identified within and between households, care homes, schools and businesses.

The Government has announced further restrictions for parts of the country and unless South Staffordshire turns the situation around, we too could soon face tougher measures that will affect people's lives and livelihoods.

To bring the rate of cases down, people are being urged to strictly follow the national rules and do what they can in their local communities to help reduce the spread of infection.



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

Additional testing is being made available to try and identify people who may have been infected.

We're calling on you to help us with this work, by getting tested if you don't currently have any symptoms. Testing is quick and free, and is taking place in your area on

**Thursday 22 October** and **Saturday 24 October** at:

**Scout Hut, Walsall Road, Great Wyrley - Thursday 22 October 4.30pm-6.30pm**

**Essington Community Centre - Saturday 24 October 10am-2pm**

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100 appointments are available for the Thursday afternoon, and 200 appointments for each of the Saturday locations are available, but must be booked in advance here:

**[www.staffordshire.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/coronavirus)** under Book a Test.

If you cannot make your appointment please remember to cancel, so that someone else can have that slot.

If you have symptoms of COVID-19, please do not attend this testing. You need to book through the national portal at **[www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)** or by calling **119**.

People can find out more information and advice at **[www.staffordshire.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/coronavirus)**

