

SANDHURST SURGE TESTING

Surge testing will start in the GU47 0 postcode area of Bracknell Forest today (Wednesday 16 June), to help try and reduce the spread of the COVID-19 Delta variant locally.

The council is urging residents over the age of 11 (year 7) who are living or working in the GU47 0 postcode area to come forward for a COVID-19 PCR test between 16 and 30 June, provided they are not showing symptoms.

An [interactive map](#) is available to find out if your address is included.

This will allow us to identify cases, advise self-isolation when necessary and contain the spread. This includes people who have had the vaccine as well as those who are doing regular lateral flow testing. If you have had a positive PCR test in the past 90 days, you do not need to come forward for testing.

The surge testing will also apply to staff and pupils at all the borough's secondary schools and colleges, as well as staff at all primary schools. Primary school children do not need to take part unless they attend Binfield CE Primary School where there has been a number of cases.

The GU47 0 postcode was prioritised for surge testing based on high infection rate but low vaccine uptake. Low vaccine coverage further increases the risk of transmission and serious disease.

Testing sites will be open from 16 to 30 June at:

- Pyes Acre car park (8am to 2pm and 3pm to 8pm)
- Sandhurst Memorial Hall car park (8am to 2pm and 3pm to 8pm)
- Owlsmoor Community Centre car park (8am to 8pm)
- Bracknell Leisure Centre (2pm to 8pm)
- Morgan Recreation Ground car park (8am to 8pm on 16 to 17 June, 19 June, 21 to 24 June, 26 June, 28 to 30 June)

Please walk to a site where possible as parking will be limited. Remember there may well be queues, so please wear weather appropriate clothing and bring water and a face covering.

If you have COVID-19 symptoms or have had a positive lateral flow test you should continue to [book a test at GOV.UK](#), using the NHS COVID-19 app or by calling 119.