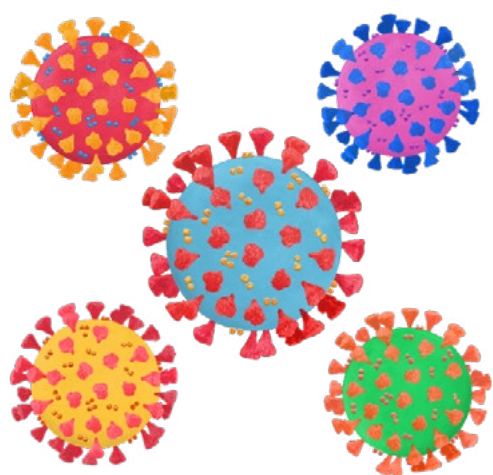


# Important information about new coronavirus treatments



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## Important information about coronavirus treatments



This is an **Easy Read** document  
which explains a **letter** sent out in  
**December 2021**



This letter is from **Professor  
Stephen Powis** who is the  
**National Medical Director** of **NHS  
England and NHS Improvement**.



The **NHS** is going to **start** giving  
**new coronavirus treatments** to  
some people.



**Health experts** have found out that **some health conditions** can make people **seriously unwell** if they get **coronavirus**.



**UK chief medical officers** agree with the **health experts**.



- Your **medical records** show you might be **more at risk** of getting **seriously unwell**.





The **new treatments** can **stop** you from getting seriously unwell if you get **coronavirus**.



**Vaccination** is still the best way to **protect**

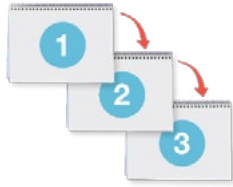


- You
- Your family
- Your friends.



For more **information** about **vaccines** go to:

**[www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination](http://www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination)**



There are **3 steps** to getting the new **coronavirus treatments**.



**Step 1**  
**Have a PCR test kit ready at home**

**Test and Trace**

The **NHS** will send you a **PCR test kit** to **keep at home**.



The **PCR test** is a **swab** that you put into your **mouth** and **nose** and then **post** to get the result.

The test is explained on **Page 9**.



This means you will **always** have a **PCR test kit** at **home** so you can take a test **straight away** if you get **coronavirus symptoms**.



The **PCR test kit** will be sent to your **home**.



If **your address** has **changed** please **tell your GP** as soon as possible.



Call **119** for **advice** and **select 1** to speak to **NHS Test and Trace** if any of these things happen:



- a **PCR test** has not been sent to your home by **10 January 2022**



- you **lose** or **damage** your **PCR test kit**



- you get **coronavirus symptoms** **before** your **PCR test kit** has arrived.



You could ask **someone you trust** to help you contact **NHS Test and Trace**.



**After** you use your **PCR test** **NHS Test and Trace** will send you a **new test kit**.





## Step 2

### Take a PCR test if you have coronavirus symptoms



Use your **PCR test kit** if you have **any coronavirus symptoms**.



The **coronavirus symptoms** are:

- a **high temperature or fever**



- **coughing a lot**



- a **loss or change** to your sense of **smell or taste**.





## Taking a PCR test

- To take a **PCR test** you **need** to put the **swab**:
  - **inside** your **mouth**
  - **then up** your **nose**



- Put **the swab** into the **test tube** and **post it** to get the **results**.



You could **ask someone** to support you to do the **PCR test**.



## Registering your PCR Test



When you **register** your **PCR test** **make sure** you **correctly** enter your:

### 1. NHS number



To find your NHS number go to:

[www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/online-services/find-nhs-number/](https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/online-services/find-nhs-number/)



### 2. Postcode.



### Step 3

If the PCR test confirms that you have coronavirus



The **NHS** will contact you **the next day** to talk to you about the **new coronavirus treatments** that you could have.



If the **NHS** **does not** contact you the next day:



- You must **contact** your **GP surgery**



- or call **111** if your **GP surgery** is **closed**



- Your **GP** or **111** can arrange someone to call you about the **new treatments** if you **have not already** been contacted by the **NHS**.



You could ask **someone you trust** to help you **call 111** or your **GP surgery**.



You can **only** get these **new coronavirus treatments** from the **NHS**.

The **new coronavirus treatments** are completely **free**.



The **NHS** will **never** ask for:

- **your bank details**



- any type of **payment**.



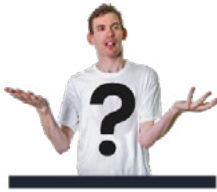
For more **information** about the **new treatments** go to:

[www.nhs.uk/CoronavirusTreatments](http://www.nhs.uk/CoronavirusTreatments)



Find out how the **NHS** uses your information to contact you go to:

[www.digital.nhs.uk](http://www.digital.nhs.uk)



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- **another language?**



Please **visit**

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/treatments>

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