

Responding to suspected and confirmed cases of Covid-19 at Woodcraft Folk activities



Introduction

This guidance is provided to support Woodcraft Folk groups in responding to positive cases reported at or following group nights, activity days, camps and residential activities.

It should be read in conjunction with guidance from the [National Youth Agency](#) and the information for the public published on the [gov.uk](#) website. It is based on guidance in force as of 8 July and will be updated as required.

Close Contacts

In the event of a possible or confirmed case, it will be necessary to identify the 'close contacts' of the individual concerned. For sessional activities this will be, as a minimum, the adults and children in the same bubble.

With respect to residential activities, 'close contacts' will include as a minimum everyone that the child or adult has been sharing a tent/dormitory with.

It should not be assumed that face coverings (where used) will have been successful in preventing transmission among members of a group.

If a case is confirmed, group leaders should contact Test & Trace proactively by phoning 119 and provide details of the identified contacts. Taking the circumstances into account, Test & Trace will advise if all contacts need to isolate, and for what duration.

Symptoms

The main symptoms of Covid-19 to look out for remain a high temperature, a continuous cough and changes in sense of taste/smell. However, some people do not have any of these symptoms and instead experience one or more of the following:

- diarrhoea
- sore throat
- muscle or body aches
- feeling tired and unwell
- long-lasting headache
- blocked or runny nose
- sickness or vomiting

Types of test

Tests for Covid-19 are free to access and involve taking a swab of the mouth and nose. There are two main types:

Lateral flow device (LFD), or 'rapid' tests provide a fast result, but are typically less reliable. These are the tests that young people (aged 12+) and adults coming to camp are being asked to take before, during and after the activity. The results of each test should be reported via the NHS app, online via [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) or using the phone number on the test kit.

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests are more accurate, but require analysis in a lab to provide a result. They are recommended for people who have symptoms of Covid-19, have had a positive LFD test, or have been in close contact with a confirmed case.

PCR tests can either be sent in the post or accessed at a local test centre. They can be arranged through [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk), or by calling 119.

Isolating on camp

NYA guidance states that it is not necessary for camps to stop immediately if a participant develops symptoms or tests positive. Groups are encouraged to plan how they will respond to a positive test in advance, with regard to the age of the young people, the distance from home, and the duration of the activity.

Parents/carers should be advised as soon as possible if their child develops symptoms or returns a positive LFD result, and be part of any decision to return home or remain on camp.

If a child is happy to isolate from others on camp (i.e. in a tent or room on their own) while awaiting the results of a test, and can be supported to do so, then this is an acceptable alternative to returning home.

Close contacts (e.g. those who have shared a tent/dorm with the child who has developed symptoms) who have neither developed symptoms nor tested positive via an LFD can isolate together (e.g. in their original tent) but away from other participants.

Sessional Activities (group nights and activity days)

	Symptomatic	LFD test positive	PCR test positive
Suspected case	Advise to arrange PCR test ASAP, isolate until results received	Advise to arrange PCR test ASAP, isolate until results received	Isolate as directed by Test & Trace
Close contacts (same bubble)	Advise to isolate until PCR test results from suspected case received	Advise to isolate until PCR test results from suspected case received	Advise to isolate and arrange PCR test ASAP *
Others	Advise to take LFD test	Advise to take LFD test	Advise to take LFD test every 48 hrs for 10 days from exposure

Camps & Residentials

	Symptomatic	LFD test positive	PCR test positive
Suspected case	Arrange PCR test ASAP, isolate <i>on camp</i> until results received	Arrange PCR test ASAP, isolate <i>on camp</i> until results received	Return home ASAP, isolate as directed by Test & Trace
Close contacts (including same tent/dorm)	Take LFD test, isolate <i>on camp</i> until results from suspected case received	Isolate <i>on camp</i> until results from suspected case received	Return home ASAP, advise to isolate and arrange PCR test ASAP *
Others	Remain on camp, continue to take LFD test every 48 hours	Remain on camp, continue to take LFD test every 48 hours	Remain on camp, continue to take LFD test every 48 hours

* Once a positive PCR test is confirmed, the group leader should contact Test & Trace to share details of close contacts. Test & Trace will confirm who is required to isolate and for what period on the basis of the information supplied.

Symptoms or positive tests on return from camp should be treated as for sessional activities.