Dear Sir or Madam

The Coronavirus National Testing Programme has now expanded capacity to test other frontline workers who are having to self-isolate due to having coronavirus-like symptoms or because a member of their household has symptoms.

This expansion includes all personal care assistants (PAs), across both health and social care, who meet the criteria set out above.

The full list of eligible employers now includes:

* All NHS and social care staff, including hospital, community and primary care, and relevant staff providing ancillary support to frontline NHS services (e.g. accommodation, catering) and voluntary workers.
* All PAs, across both health and social care
* Police, fire and rescue services.
* Local authority staff, to include core and essential workers such as those working with vulnerable children and adults, with victims of domestic violence, and with the homeless and rough sleepers, and those staff essential to the continuity of business
* Defence, prisons and probation, and judiciary staff.
* Front-line benefits workers

More detailed information on the types of workers who may now be eligible for testing can be found at [www.gov.uk/coronavirus-get-tested](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus-get-tested)

Any of your PAs who think they are eligible and need to be tested are **being instructed to speak to you as their employer first.** If your PA is eligible for testing, you, as the employer, will need to **complete the ‘*Confirmation of employment and eligibility for testing- letter of ID’***, as can be found on page four of the invitation, and **forward this, along with the accompanying PowerPoint, to your PA**. Your PA will then be able to register themselves for a test at the link provided within the invitation.

Further information on this process is provided within the accompanying PowerPoint.

If you have any queries on this process, please contact the Department of Health and Social Care on opshub@dhsc.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully,

Department of Health and Social Care