

Sports Hall at Golden Lane

From Friday 18th December 2020, the City of London will be using the Sports Hall on the Golden Lane Estate as a site for rapid 'lateral flow' Covid-19 tests, piloted among selected groups to see if they can help halt the spread of the virus.

The City is initially piloting the tests with its frontline key worker staff. With time, we hope to expand the range of people able to get tested as we receive more tests and as the programme develops.

Lateral flow tests can produce quick results and can be used to identify Covid-19 symptoms in those without symptoms (asymptomatic). It is hoped that running these tests will result in faster detection of cases and therefore more effective prevention of outbreaks.

Proactively testing asymptomatic individuals will help identify those who unknowingly have the virus and enable those who test positive and their contacts to self-isolate, which can help drive down the R rate locally and save lives. This is crucial to break the chains of transmission of the virus and to support critical industries, key workers and institutions. With lower rates of transmission, those at highest risk from the virus will be more protected and residents will feel more confident in getting back to their day-to-day lives.

Please be assured that no one visiting the estate for a lateral flow test will have symptoms of Covid-19. Resident, staff and community health and safety is important to the City of London.

Anyone with Covid-19 symptoms should get tested by booking online or calling 119

