HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT SALIVA TESTING PROGRAMME

Latest news from across the programme

TESTING IN OUR SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Thank you for your ongoing support with testing. We hope you are continuing to find the test simple, convenient and reassuring in helping to keep your school community safer.

Well done to Bohunt School who submitted 706 samples last week! Fernhill School where 82% of their staff and students have participated in the programme and Henry Cort Community College who have had over 50% participation, every week, for five weeks in a row!



REMEMBER TO LABEL YOUR SAMPLE TUBE

Did you know... on one day last week we had over 100 samples arrive at the lab without a label!

Without the label, we will be UNABLE to process your sample and send you a result.

Please ensure your label are stuck directly onto the sample tube vertically, as shown in the photo. If labels are attached horizontally, on lids, or on the plastic bag packaging, we will be unable to process the sample.



IDEAS FOR IMPROVING PARTICIPATION IN YOUR SETTING

By taking part in regular testing, you are not only helping your school or college operate in as near normal a way as possible, but are also helping to provide valuable information that could make saliva testing available for other similar schools and colleges – so your support in achieving a high participation rate is really, really important.

Here are some ideas for increasing participation, that you could implement in your school or college

- Use our fun and interactive educational resources about all aspects of COVID-19, including testing. We have developed resources for secondary students, primary children (COVID-Warriors programme), colleges and students with SEND. Visit the LifeLab website to view all resources: www.lifelabonline.org.
- Share this newsletter with staff, parents and students.
- Provide regular reminders to staff and students, e.g. at school assemblies, tutor times, email communications, social media, by text message.
- Create a video of some of your staff and/or students to showcase their experiences of testing. Share this with your school or college community
- Run a competition (weekly or half-termly) between year groups to see who gets the highest participation rate. The winning year group could get a prize or house points.
- Posters in visual areas might serve as reminders for staff and students about the importance of testing and when the testing days are. Why not host a 'design a poster' competition within your school or college?
- Share your successful practice with other local schools and colleges







COVID-19 YOUNG HEALTH CHAMPIONS

The COVID-19 Young Health Champions qualification is an exciting new level 2 (GCSE-level) qualification for young people developed in partnership between LifeLab and the Royal Society for Public Health. The qualification supports students to develop their peer mentoring skills, harnessing young people's natural enthusiasm to lead in peer-to-peer education on the COVID-19 virus and lifestyle-related health. If your school is interested in taking part, please click here (https://bit.ly/LLOHIOWC19YHCTeachers)

Henry Cort Community College is very excited about being able to give our students the opportunity to become RSPH COVID-19 Young Health Champions. The qualification will help both the Champions and the school body as we face continued issues surrounding COVID-19. The resources that have been created by the team at Lifelab are easy to use, informative and engaging and will support the learning and development of our Champions.



THE PROGRAMME IN.

Number of education settings involved

Staff uptake*

Staff participation *

Student uptake*

Student participation

Total samples processed through the lab from schools and colleges

Volume of saliva (2mls) from staff and students

10.710 \

litres

There is a large team of people, all working to deliver the Saliva Testing Programme in your schools and colleges. Each week, we will introduce you to a different member of the team who works behind the scenes. This week we would like you to meet Chris White, who is our Business Operations Manager.

Chris looks after all things governance. operations and facilities management! He is also our Relationship Manager with the Department of Health and Social Care, who funds our programme.

Watch Chris's video here

https://bit.ly/HIOWChrisWhite



DID YOU KNOW?...

If you've had COVID-19, long lasting immunity is not guaranteed. Everyone knows that it is more than possible to get another cold, and it is becoming clear that the same is true for COVID-19.



The COVID-19 virus is very fragile; the only thing that protects it is a thin outer layer of fat. That is why any soap or detergent is the best remedy, because the foam cuts through the fat

VIEW FROM THE REGION

Hampshire:

125,134 total cases

5,122 new cases in last 7 days

Trend: Upwards

Southampton:

28,753 total cases

1036 new cases in last 7 days

Trend: Upwards

Portsmouth:

25,922 total cases

787 new cases in last 7 days

Trend: Downwards

Data is from the national government website, as at 7 October 2021 Isle of Wight:

12,645 total cases

721 new cases in last 7 days

Trend: Upwards

Go to our website (www.hiowsalivatest.nhs.uk) to contact the support team via webchat or you can use the freephone number: 0808 1962282. Hours this week are 8.30am - 5.00pm, Monday to Thursday, 8.30am - 4.30pm Friday and 9am - 1pm on Saturday.