

Construction Site COVID-19 Testing

Build UK has partnered with Eurofins to offer its members a comprehensive COVID-19 testing service at competitive rates to help reduce transmission of the virus and ensure the continued operation of construction sites.

Eurofins is a world leader in the provision of clinical diagnostics, forensic and pharmaceutical laboratory testing services and offers SARS-CoV-2 ('COVID-19') testing for organisations such as Formula 1 and EDF Energy.

Build UK members are offered the **exclusive price** of £75 per Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test and £25 per Lateral Flow test.

To discuss your testing requirements, contact covidtesting@eurofins.co.uk with the subject line: **Build UK COVID-19 Testing**.

A testing regime does not replace the need to maintain current social distancing requirements or compliance with the [Site Operating Procedures](#).

Benefits of Testing for COVID-19

- Reducing transmission and outbreaks - early detection will allow projects to act quickly preventing the spread of infection.
- Avoiding unnecessary absenteeism - regular testing will prevent workers being placed in unnecessary self-isolation.
- Reassuring the workforce - As part of COVID-19 risk assessment measures demonstrating the commitment to providing a safe working environment in these challenging times.

Types of Test

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) testing looks for evidence that the virus is currently in the body using a swab sample from the nose and throat which is sent to a laboratory for analysis.

- PCR tests are recognised as having greater than 99% accuracy, sensitivity and specificity and it is the only option accepted for 'return from travel' tests.
- Test kits can either be provided and undertaken by appropriately trained staff on-site and couriered to a laboratory or a full swab collection service can be provided.
- Results typically take 24 hours.
- The cost of each PCR test provided by Eurofins to Build UK members is from £75 and the collection service is an additional £250 per half day.

Lateral Flow testing looks for evidence that the virus is in a biological sample and uses a swab sample from the nose or throat which is placed on a test device.

- The sensitivity, specificity and accuracy of Lateral Flow tests varies on the test device used and is inferior to a PCR test.
- Test kits are provided and undertaken either by self-sampling or by appropriately trained staff on-site.
- Results are available within 15 to 30 minutes.

Frequency of Testing

A testing regime is most effective when workers are tested to a regular schedule (i.e. at least once a week, after weekends, holidays and other breaks from work).

If a worker is showing symptoms of coronavirus, they should not come to site for testing.

Test Results

Under the agreements with Eurofins, and the worker undergoing the test, results will be sent to the site or employer providing the test and passed on to the worker. The appropriate action should then be taken in accordance with the [Build UK COVID-19 Flowchart](#).

Options at a Glance

Process	On Site PCR testing	On Site Lateral Flow testing	Return from Travel PCR testing
Arrangement	Contract with Eurofins for the provision of test kits and analysis of swabs	Purchase of Lateral Flow test kits from Eurofins	Contract with Eurofins for the provision of test kits and analysis of swabs
Testing	Tests undertaken by on-site occupational health provider or Eurofins collection service	Tests undertaken by self-sampling or appropriately trained staff on-site	Worker is given employer code and selects Eurofins when booking a test and notes test details on Passenger Locator Form. If the test is booked after arrival in the UK, a new PLF <i>must</i> be completed. Worker is sent test kit and completes at home. Does not remove need for negative test on arrival into the UK.
Analysis	PCR samples couriered to, and analysed by, lab	Test kits analysed on-site	PCR sample posted to, and analysed by, lab
Results	24 hours from arrival at lab	15-30 minutes from test	24 hours from arrival at lab
Notification	Employer and operative notified of result	Employer and operative notified of result	Employer and operative notified of result
Accuracy	> 99%	Depends on the test device used	> 99%
Cost	Exclusive Build UK member price - £75 per test Collection officer £250 per half day	Exclusive Build UK member price - £25 per test	Exclusive Build UK member price - £75 per test