

Sellafield's COVID-19 test centre to expand

News story

More people will soon be able to use Sellafield's COVID-19 test and trace service.



The COVID-19 Test Centre at Yottenfews.

The facility, located in the car park of the former Sellafield Visitors' Centre, in West Cumbria, opened earlier this year.

It currently provides COVID-19 tests for people working on the Sellafield mission.

From Monday 23 November 2020, the service is being expanded so that households of Sellafield Ltd employees can also use it.

People can access the centre if they have COVID-19 symptoms or have come into close contact with someone who has tested positive.

Symptoms include:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste

Martin Chown, Sellafield Ltd chief executive, said:

We took the decision to establish our own test and trace facility back in March 2020.

Thanks to the support of our owner, the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA), and our public health partners we were able to get the centre up and running quickly.

It has allowed us to track the spread of the virus on the Sellafield site in real time, helping us to maintain safety and security throughout the pandemic.

We're pleased to be able to extend the service to households of Sellafield Ltd employees.

Tests will be offered subject to availability.

Priority will be given to people working on the Sellafield mission who are mainly based on the site.

People should not contact the test centre themselves. Tests can only be booked by Sellafield Ltd employees via their line manager.

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