



The Government of Sark

PANDEMIC EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

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Lateral Flow Tests & COVID symptoms

Due to the number of COVID cases in Guernsey, including the discovery of the more transmissible Omicron variant, the Committee is asking all residents to be vigilant over the Christmas period to help keep everyone in our Island safe.

Please continue to use hand sanitiser regularly, wear face coverings when inside shops and maintain social distancing where appropriate.

We ask you to continue taking lateral flow tests at least twice a week and before you attend any public events. We also advise that you take a lateral flow test if you are going to be in close contact with friends or family in an indoor setting and that you keep these areas well ventilated.

If you have COVID symptoms, however mild, please contact the surgery even if you have taken a lateral flow test and it is negative; lateral flow tests may not show positive results until 48 hours after symptoms present. If the surgery is closed ring 999, state you are from Sark and you need a PCR test.

Customer-Facing Services.

Those of you in customer-facing roles such as working in shops are advised to perform **daily** lateral flow tests at this time. If you are feeling unwell, don't assume that you have a "seasonal cold" please stay at home and contact the surgery.

Vaccinations.

Sark's Medical Team have administered 370 booster vaccinations so far. The next clinic will be on 4th January 2022.

The main door to the Committee Offices will not be locked over the Christmas period, to enable 24/7 access to lateral flow testing kits.