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CLC STATEMENT ON EXPANSION OF TESTING

The Construction Leadership Council (CLC) welcomes the Government's announcement on the extension of coronavirus testing to those who cannot work from home.

Testing is now available to workers in the sector and its supply chain, who have to go into work because they cannot work from home, as well as those they live with, who are showing symptoms of the virus (a new continuous cough or high temperature). Whilst testing capacity has been increased, it is not possible to test everyone, and it is the responsibility of both firms and individuals to ensure that they only request testing for those displaying symptoms of coronavirus.

There are two ways to arrange a test:

- **Self-referral:** this enables workers and members of their households with symptoms to book a test directly using the online system
- **Employer referral:** this allows employers to refer workers for a test via a secure portal. Employers will need to obtain a login by emailing portalservicedesk@dhsc.gov.uk with their organisation name, nature of their business, region, and names and email addresses for two users. Contractors may find it more efficient for clients already registered for their essential workers to request the test on their behalf.

The test involves taking a swab of the nose and the back of the throat, which can be done by the person themselves (self-administered) or by someone else (assisted).

Further details, including those of drive-through regional testing sites can be found at www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested

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