

Advice and Guidance - Lateral Flow Self Testing Waste from within Household Settings.

Key Assumptions:

- The testing is self-testing of asymptomatic individuals – therefore assuming a “healthy source population” (this is in line with the mass testing advice).

Note: ***Where the individual self-testing is symptomatic, already has a positive test result or tests positive as a result of the self-test see advice on table***

- This is for the currently approved Lateral Flow Tests only

Advice for safe disposal of lateral flow test waste:

If the test is negative

- Drain any remaining reagent into sink or toilet.
- Place lateral flow test kit into the domestic waste bag (normally a “black” bag).
- Do not place the test into any recycling waste streams.

If the test is positive

- Drain any remaining reagent into sink or toilet.
- Place the lateral flow test kit into a secure bag and keep this in a safe place for 72hrs. After this time place in the domestic waste bag (normally a “black bag”)
- Do not place the test into any recycling waste streams.

As you a COVID positive individual in self isolation from this point then you are required to ensure that waste that has been in direct contact with you is held for 72hrs before entering the domestic waste stream.