

Health & Wellbeing Board June 2021

This paper provides the LBE response to questions raised at the Health & Wellbeing Board about COVID-19.

1. *Cllr Conti asked about compliance of businesses with covid regulations.*

Overall compliance is good across the borough and across our different sectors.

- Only certain activities / businesses are still prohibited, e.g. night clubs, large events, shisha provision on a premises.
- The majority of businesses under the current “Step 3” restrictions are permitted to be open. Indoor hospitality is restricted to groups of six or up to two households, outdoor hospitality groups up to 30.
- Most of our attention is on ensuring that businesses are Covid Secure, i.e. that they have safe measures in place. We also have a wide range of materials, tools and officers on hand and on our website to assist businesses including our business webinars which are published on the Council’s youtube channel.
- However, there are a very small minority of businesses, mainly shisha premises, that are flouting rules. These businesses have been subject to enforcement action and where they have continued to ignore rules have been issued fines.

2. *Cllr Conti and Dr Vijay Tailor, NHS raised the issue of misconceptions around LFTs for people with symptoms.*

The current advice around testing is as follow:

- *If you develop symptoms such a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or you haeve lost your sense of smell or taste or it has changed, start self-isolation immediately and undertake a PCR test.*
- *A lateral flow test LFT is for people without any symptoms to identify a proportion of those who are infected and help them to start self-isolation. The test is not as accurate as a PCR test but has the advantage of giving a result in around 30 minutes.*
- *All testing has to be done in combination with continued covid-safe behaviours (Hands, Face, Space, good ventilation) and two vaccinations for those who are eligible.*

Further information

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): getting tested - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/coronavirus-covid-19/understanding-lateral-flow-antigen-testing-for-people-without-symptoms)

[Understanding lateral flow antigen testing for people without symptoms - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/coronavirus-covid-19/understanding-lateral-flow-antigen-testing-for-people-without-symptoms)

[Evidence summary for lateral flow devices \(LFD\) in relation to care homes - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/coronavirus-covid-19/evidence-summary-for-lateral-flow-devices-lfd-in-relation-to-care-homes)