



EVENTS RESEARCH PROGRAMME PHASE II

LATERAL FLOW AND POLYMERASE CHAIN REACTION (PCR) TEST REQUIREMENTS

With Royal Ascot a designated Government Events Research Programme, there are two covid-19 test requirements for all attendees. There is no cost to an attendee for any of the tests to be carried out;

1. **Provide evidence of a negative lateral flow test upon entrance to the Racecourse on each day of your attendance.**
2. **Take 2 PCR covid tests, one either the day before or the day of attendance at Royal Ascot, and one 5 days after attendance.**

LATERAL FLOW TESTS

Rapid lateral flow tests help to find cases of covid-19 in people who may have no symptoms but are still infectious and can transmit the virus to others. The test involves taking a sample from your tonsils (or where they would have been) and from your nose, using a swab. The test must be taken and reported within 36 hours of your attendance at Royal Ascot.

The Government provides lateral flow tests for free to support in preventing the spread of covid-19.

Please see below for the full details on how to order / access your lateral flow tests.

ORDERING YOUR LATERAL FLOW TEST

These are numerous ways in which you can order your lateral flow home testing kit, depending on where you live in the United Kingdom.

Residents of England

You have three ways to access lateral flow tests;

1. Order your test to be sent to your home address via the gov.uk website: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>
2. Pick up a lateral flow test from your local chemist, use the NHS test and trace website to find your nearest pick up point: <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>
3. Go to your local community testing centre, use NHS test and trace website to find your nearest location: <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

Residents of Scotland

Please visit: <https://www.gov.scot/news/regular-rapid-testing-for-everyone/>

Residents of Wales

Please visit: <https://gov.wales/get-rapid-lateral-flow-covid-19-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms>

Residents of Northern Ireland

Please visit: <https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/rapid-tests>

Those arriving from outside of the UK

The following rules set out the border restrictions for those entering England from outside the UK or Ireland (or other parts of the [Common Travel Area](#)):



- All arrivals must have a [negative test](#) in the three days (72 hours) prior to arrival, please see the above details on how to access your lateral flow test.
- All arrivals must also complete a [Passenger Locator Form](#).
- Other restrictions vary depending on the country an individual is coming from (or have been in within the previous 10 days):
 1. **Red List:** Any British or Irish national, or those with residence rights in the UK, entering England from a [red list country](#) must arrive with proof of a negative test result from within the last 72 hours (pre-departure test), complete a Passenger Locator Form and enter a [managed quarantine hotel](#) for 10 days at their own expense. This includes a test on or before day 2 and a test on day 8. The quarantine hotel package (including two COVID-19 tests) must be booked before travelling to the UK. Foreign Nationals without residence rights in the UK who have been in a Red List Country within the last ten days will be refused entry to the UK.
 2. **Amber List:** Anyone entering England from an [amber list country](#) must bring proof of a negative test result from within the last 72 hours (pre-departure test), complete a Passenger Locator Form, quarantine at home or the place where they are staying (e.g. a hotel) for 10 days, and take [a COVID-19 test on or before day 2, and on or after day 8](#) at their own expense. Arrivals can end this isolation period on day 5 with a negative test result through the [‘test to release’](#) scheme - they could then attend a match after that point. A negative test will still need to be booked for day 8.
 3. **Green list:** Any member of the public entering England from a [green list country](#) must bring proof of a negative test result from within the last 72 hours (pre-departure test), complete a Passenger Locator Form, and [book and pay for in advance a day 2 COVID-19 test](#), to be taken after arrival. There is no need for a test on day 8 and no requirement to self-isolate, unless test results are positive.
- Failure to comply with these restrictions is a criminal offence that could result in a fine of up to £10,000. Individuals will be called by the Isolation Assurance and Compliance Service throughout their self-isolation period, to check that they are complying with their duty to self-isolate. Border Force are currently checking all arrivals to ensure completion of the Passenger Locator Form and proof of test booking. All arrivals should expect queues at the UK border.

REPORTING THE RAPID LATERAL FLOW TEST & CONFIRMATION OF TEST RESULT FOR ENTRY TO ROYAL ASCOT

Once the Rapid Lateral Flow Test has been conducted, you must report the test result online within 24 hours of completing the test at <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>.

You can also report your test result by calling the phone number quoted in your test kit's instructions.

Once you have reported the result, you will receive a text and email confirmation on the result from NHS. **It is this text or email that you will need to show to permit entry to Ascot Racecourse for Royal Ascot.**

POLYMERASE CHAIN REACTION (PCR) TESTS

You are also asked to take a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test either the day before or on the day of attending Royal Ascot, and five days after your attendance. Your PCR test kits will be posted to the address you supplied during your event registration process. If you are attending on multiple days, please take the first test on the first day you attend, and the second test 5 days after your last day at Royal Ascot.

Please follow the instructions sent to you with your test kit and return using a priority Royal Mail post box.

You can find your nearest priority post box here <https://www.royalmail.com/priority-postboxes>.

All non-UK nationals are also asked to take the PCR tests. These can be sent to a hotel if required.