

Covid-19 Test Kits Text message scam

Alert 4.8

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Bromley Trading Standards is warning residents that scam text messages claiming to be from the NHS and relating to Covid-19 are still circulating. For example:

'NHS: You've been in close contact with a person who has contracted the Omicron variant. Please order a test kit via [fake website link]'

Most people are no longer advised to get tested. The current guidelines on testing for Covid-19 can be found on the NHS website [Changes to testing for COVID-19 - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Covid-19 lateral flow tests are no longer free for most people. They can be purchased from some pharmacies and retailers, in person and online. Some people are eligible for a free test which are available via the **gov.uk** website [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Never click on a link received in text messages or emails. This risks exposing your bank details and personal information.

REPORT - Protect others by reporting incidents.

< **If you have given your bank details, contact your bank as soon as possible. Call 159**

< Contact Citizens Advice for help and advice on **0808 223 1133**

< Report scams to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or www.actionfraud.police.uk

< Forward a suspicious email to report@phishing.gov.uk.

< **Forward a suspicious text message to 7726.**

< Report a suspicious website [Report a suspicious website - NCSC.GOV.UK](https://www.ncsc.gov.uk).