

Factsheet: Eligible patient groups for the LFD service

The full list of eligible patients aged 12 years and over that can access LFD tests via the LFD service (because they are at risk of getting seriously ill from COVID-19 and therefore are potentially eligible for COVID-19 treatments) can be found in the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) guidance:

[Supporting information on risk factors for progression to severe COVID-19](#)

Pharmacy teams may want to print out that webpage and should use the information on it to determine whether patients are eligible to receive LFDs.



In addition to the above eligible patient groups, from 1st April 2024, the following patient cohorts also became eligible to access free LFD test kits under the service.

- People aged 85 years and over
- People with end-stage heart failure who have a long-term ventricular assistance device
- People on the organ transplant waiting list
- People resident in a care home who are aged 70 years and over
- People resident in a care home who have a BMI of 35 kg/m² or more
- People resident in a care home who have diabetes
- People resident in a care home who have heart failure
- People currently in a hospital who are aged 70 years and over
- People currently in a hospital who have a BMI of 35 kg/m² or more
- People currently in a hospital who have diabetes
- People currently in a hospital who have heart failure

For more information and resources on the LFD service, visit cpe.org.uk/lfid