



COVID-19 Briefing

25 February 2021

NEW Asymptomatic Testing Centres in Clifton and The Meadows

Two new Asymptomatic Testing Centres, for people who are not displaying Covid-19 symptoms, will open next week in The Meadows and Clifton.

- The Portland Centre, on Muskham Street in The Meadows, will open on Tuesday 2 March.
- Clifton Community Centre, on Southchurch Drive in Clifton, will open on Thursday 4 March.

The two new Asymptomatic Testing Centres will extend Nottingham City Council's offer to residents after the success of the asymptomatic testing at Djanolgy Community Leisure Centre which opened in January.

The timetable of opening times for the three centres are as follows:

Site	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Djanolgy Community Leisure Centre (Forest Fields)	9.30am – 6.30pm	9.30am – 6.30pm	9.30am – 6.30pm	9.30am – 6.30pm	9.30am- 6.30pm	9.30am – 2.30pm	CLOSED
The Portland Centre (The Meadows)	CLOSED	8am-6pm	7am-5pm	8am-6pm	8am-6pm	8.30am– 1pm	CLOSED
Clifton Community Centre (Clifton)	CLOSED	8am-6pm	7am-5pm	8am-6pm	8am-6pm	8.30am– 1pm	CLOSED

(Please note for up-to-date times visit www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/asymptomatictesting)

All sites have good public transport links and are accessible to the local community.

The centres will be run by Nottingham City Council and, as with Djanolgy Community Leisure Centre, they will encourage people without symptoms of Covid-19 (asymptomatic) to drop in and get a FREE rapid Covid-19 test.

The aim of the Asymptomatic Testing Centres is to help identify and isolate individuals who have Covid-19 but do not have symptoms and may inadvertently be spreading the virus - around 1 in 3 people with Covid-19 don't have any symptoms.

People who live and work in the areas will therefore be encouraged to get a Covid-19 test at the centre at least once a week:

- There is no need to book – people can just drop in.
- People must not attend if they are showing symptoms of Covid-19 and under 16 year olds must come with an adult. For further information please visit:
www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/asymptomatictesting
- A positive or negative test results can be given within the hour and support will be offered to those people who test positive.

Regular, rapid, asymptomatic testing will become even more important over the coming weeks and months as schools begin to open and the nation slowly starts to open up following the latest roadmap announcement by the Prime Minister.

Plans are in place to engage with as many residents, families and businesses in The Meadows, Clifton and neighbouring areas over the coming weeks. Work will still continue to also encourage people to attend Djanlogy Community Leisure Centre.

This will include activity such as direct mail to households and businesses and targeted messaging to families, carers and those who have to leave the house for work or other essential purposes. Partnership working through community networks and faith groups in the areas will also take place to help spread the message.

We also welcome your support in encouraging people across Nottingham City to access the centres for regular asymptomatic testing. It is hoped asymptomatic testing will run until June 2021.

We are also looking to extend the offer to other areas in the North of the city soon.

Please remember...

Approximately 1 in 3 people who have coronavirus have no symptoms and could be spreading it without realising it.

Remember - 'Hands. Face. Space.'

- Hands – wash your hands regularly and for at least 20 seconds
- Face – wear a face covering in indoor settings where social distancing may be difficult, and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet
- Space – stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place (such as wearing face coverings)

Thank you all for your continued help and support at this difficult time.

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