

## **FAQ's – Covid-19 Update Guidance (July 2021)**

### **Lateral Flow Tests**

**Q. Why has the decision been made to introduce Lateral Flow Tests (LFT) now when restrictions are being eased?**

A. Courses mix people from different environments that do not normally come together and therefore creates a greater risk to learners. This decision was the recommendation of the FA Group Covid-19 steering group.

**Q. If learners need to do an LFT , do they also need to complete the 'Self-Screening'?**

A. Yes, this is the advice from the FA Covid-19 Steering Group.

**Q. Who's responsibility is it to get the LFT's?**

A. It is the responsibility of the learner to obtain and carry out the LFT within 24 hours of the course. For learners who are under 18, it will be the Parent/Guardian who is responsible. LFT's are available for free either by post or from a local pharmacy, these do not have to be provided by the CFA.

**Q. Who will communicate the requirements out to learners?**

A. It is the CFA's responsibility to communicate the updated requirements to all learners prior to the start of the course. This can be done with the pre-course communication.

**Q. Who will check the results on arrival?**

A. The Covid Officer or Tutor will be responsible for checking results on arrival to the course. Tests can be completed and recorded using the Government website (includes 14/15 year olds as per testing within schools).

**Q. What happens if a learner turns up without having taken an LFT?**

A. If the CFA have a small supply available on arrival, the learner could be asked to complete one prior to being allowed to continue on the course. It is also at the CFA's discretion to ask the learner to leave, although this should be clearly communicated as part of the pre-course communication. If the learner is turned away from the course, they should be referred to FA Education so that a plan of further support can be considered.

**Q. How often do learners have to complete the LFT's?**

A. LFT's are required daily across the course delivery.

### **Social Distancing & Wearing Face Masks**

- Q. Why are we having to remain socially distanced and wear face masks, when the Government requirement has been removed?**
- A. Many organisations are still asking people to continue with social distancing and wearing face masks. The FA will continue to take a risk-assessed approach regarding social distancing and wearing of masks to create the safest environment for learners.

### **Current and Future Guidance**

- Q. For courses taking place between 19<sup>th</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> August, what guidance should be followed?**
- A. The 'FAE Guidance for Courses 19<sup>th</sup> July' should be followed with immediate effect. CFA's have been given a grace period up to 1<sup>st</sup> August to allow for communication with learners around the updated guidance, and the need for Lateral Flow Tests.
- Q. The Guidance Document states this covers courses between 19<sup>th</sup> July – 16<sup>th</sup> August. When will the next review take place, to allow CFA's to forward plan?**
- A. The guidance will be continually reviewed, and updates communicated to CFA's in a timely manner. Please also be reminded to refer to Local Authority Public Health Recommendations in your region for any additional mitigation processes that should be followed.