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To: ALL UKMPA MEMBERS

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Dear Colleague,

CV19 Testing – Essential Workers

Members will be aware of the publicised testing constraints during this time of increased CV-19 transmission.

The UKMPA have been successful in lobbying the Department for Transport (DfT), for the inclusion of Maritime Pilots included in those essential workers eligible for prioritised testing.

As such, the DfT have confirmed that Maritime Pilots are now included within the definition.

Employer referral for essential workers

Employers can refer essential workers for testing if they are self-isolating because either they or member(s) of their household have coronavirus symptoms.

They can do this by uploading the names and contact details of self-isolating essential workers to the secure employer referral portal.

Referred essential workers will then receive a text message with a unique invitation code to book a test for themselves (if symptomatic) or their symptomatic household member(s) at a regional testing site.

To get a login to the employer referral portal, employers of essential workers should email portalservicedesk@dhsc.gov.uk with the following information:

organisation name, nature of the organisation's business, region, names (where possible) and email addresses of the 2 users who will load essential worker contact details.

Once employer details have been verified, 2 login credentials will be provided for the employer referral portal.

Employed members should contact their CHA to confirm they are registered for the service.

Where members are self-employed, it is envisaged that the local pilot service can act as the 'employer' for the purposes of registering for the service.

Should any district experience issues with accessing the service, please revert to office@ukmpa.org so that the issue can be raised with our contacts at the DfT.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Morris". The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

Mike Morris
Chairman

Reference

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested#list-of-essential-workers-and-those-prioritised-for-testing-england-only>