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Dear Sir/Madam

Replacement of your Lateral Flow Device test kits

You may be in possession of boxes of Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test kits which you have previously had delivered to the practice or ordered through PECOS. Many of these kits are due to expire in October or November 2023. You should now check the expiry date of these kits.

The current guidance for patient facing primary care staff is that “If symptomatic, take an LFD test accessed via your workplace and follow advice in DL (32) 2022: If LFD positive, stay at home for 5 days and 2 negative LFDs tests, 24 hours apart are required to return to work.”

This guidance is subject to ongoing review and may change, if a substantive change does occur, we will inform you.

The guidance implies that your staff should have home access to these kits, to facilitate symptomatic testing prior to coming to work and you should ask staff with kits at home to check expiry details now.

Once you understand the number of replacement kits you and your staff require, can you place an online order in PECOS to replace these kits.

Once the new kits are delivered and distributed the old kits requiring appropriate disposal can be placed in the normal black bag domestic waste.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'W. Paul Cushley'.

PAUL CUSHLEY
Chair Primary Care PPE Group



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