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Testing in South Staffordshire to help curb rise in cases

People in South Staffordshire with symptoms of Covid-19 are being urged to step forward and get tested in a bid to help curb an increase in cases in the district.

The drive-through Mobile Testing Unit has been deployed in response to a rise in cases in the area and will be at South Staffordshire Council Building on Wolverhampton Road in Codsall.

Testing will take place today (Wednesday), Thursday and Friday of this week between 9-4pm. Booking is via the national portal at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or by phoning 119. Residents are urged not to turn up without an appointment.

Dr Johnny McMahon, Cabinet Member for Health, Care and Wellbeing at Staffordshire County Council said: "There has been a high number of Covid-19 cases in South Staffordshire, so this testing has been put together to encourage as many people as possible with symptoms of Covid-19 to get a test.

"Testing helps us see how the virus is spreading and where people should be self-isolating to contain the virus."

The county continues to work closely with South Staffordshire District Council, Public Health England and local communities in the call for people to follow national guidance carefully.

The guidance is to:

- Wash your hands regularly
- Limit your contact with people not in your household and keep to the "rule of six"
- Stay at home when you can. If you do need to go out keep your distance – 2m ideally
- Wear face coverings on public transport and in shops
- Self-isolate for ten days and book a test if you have symptoms

Self-isolate for 14 days if you have been contacted by the NHS Test & Trace Service and told you have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive.