

What are the Pilot Events?

The Government's Event Research Programme (ERP) is running a series of pilot events and will inform Government policy on bringing about the safe return of fuller audiences to venues and events in England. Findings will be reported to the Prime Minister to feed into wider discussions around reopening ahead of Step 4. The first Phase of the programme of 9 events took place in April and May.

This event forms part of the second phase of pilots and will form part of the programme's ongoing research objective to explore ways to get more fans safely back into events and at greater scale.

What are they testing?

This Pilot event will enable scientists and researchers to gather additional data on transmission risk, the suspension of social distancing and face coverings over several consecutive days, and testing protocols.

The study of each event will be overseen by a team of researchers who will be closely monitoring audience movements and interactions.

Who can attend these events?

In order to attend this event you must:

- Be over 16
- Receive a negative Lateral Flow Test result
- Be healthy and showing no sign of Covid-19 Symptoms

It is a condition of the ticket sale that participants are tested for COVID-19.

As a Government Events Research Programme event, attendees are required to fill out a consent form as part of the sign up process for the research programme, given the increased risk of COVID 19 transmission on account of the relaxation of some risk mitigation factors (social distancing and numbers attending).

Do I need to take a COVID-19 test to attend?

You must take an NHS COVID-19 Lateral Flow Test prior to arrival at the event. This can be completed at home or at a NHS Rapid Lateral Flow test site. Here's how to find your local test site: <https://www.gov.uk/find-covid-19-lateral-flow-test-site>. You can order Lateral Flow Tests here: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> or pick them up from any pharmacy or test site. A negative test, taken within the timeframe specified, is required for entry.

You will need to report your result to the NHS and will receive a text or email notification from them confirming your negative test result. You will need to present this to Event Stewards along with your ticket as part of the entry procedures. You will also be asked to show photo ID that matches the name on your ticket and Lateral Flow Test result.

A positive result from a Lateral Flow Test means it's likely you had coronavirus when the test was done. You and anyone you live with must not attend the event and self-isolate immediately. You are then advised to get a PCR test (a test that is sent to a lab) to confirm your result as soon as possible.

If you test positive when taking your Lateral Flow Test your ticket price will be refunded. You will need to submit evidence of the positive test. Full details will be made available at the point of purchase.

You will also be asked to take an at-home PCR test before you travel to the event and five days after the event. These PCR tests are crucial in providing the vital event research data that is needed by the scientists working on this programme.

How will I receive my at-home PCR test?

These will be automatically posted out to you and you should receive them a couple of days before the event.

Please take your first at-home PCR test on the first day of the event (18th June) and return by pre-paid post, as per the instructions included with the kit. Your second test should be taken five days after the event (25th June), and also returned by post. In order to ensure your PCR kits are successfully posted to you, you must include full and correct details of your delivery address and first/last name as they appear on your GP records when purchasing your ticket.

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What if I have had a vaccine?

As this is a scientific study testing is a requirement of attending this Event and you should follow the protocol outlined here regardless of whether you have received the vaccine or not.

Is a 'Covid-19/Vaccine Passport' being tested?

No. The ticketing process for the events will require audiences to have had a recent negative Covid-19 test alongside a valid ticket to gain entry to the event.

What if I get a positive Lateral Flow Test result?

If you test positive when taking your Lateral Flow Test your ticket price will be refunded. You will need to submit evidence of the positive test. Full details will be made available at the point of purchase.

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Anyone who fails to take their Lateral Flow test within the specified window will also be unable to attend but will not receive a refund.

Why can I only buy one ticket?

As this is a scientific pilot, we need to make sure that each person who is attending the event gives their own personal consent and agrees to the terms of entry. It is not possible for you to provide consent on behalf of another person and as such we have had to make it one ticket per transaction.

There will however be two ticket options available: one for an individual ticket and one for one ticket and a code to invite a friend to purchase. If you want to give a friend the opportunity to purchase a ticket please choose the '+ friend' option. You will then be charged for one ticket and be sent a code (within 2 hours) via email and SMS which you can pass onto your friend. This code gives them the ability to purchase one ticket. Your friend will have two hours to redeem the code to purchase their ticket. Please note your friend will not be able to invite a friend.

I require an accessible ticket – how do I go about this?

If you need to bring a Companion/Personal Assistant/Carer, you first buy your full price ticket, and then you can apply for an extra ticket at no additional cost. Details of the application process will be included here before the tickets go on sale.

There will be accessible toilets, showers and viewing platforms at the Event.

Will I have to wear a face covering or practise social distancing during the event?

Once inside the event there will be no compulsory requirement to wear a face covering or practise social distancing. The purpose of this is to test specific settings to collect evidence and best practice. However, if you would like to wear a face covering then please do so.

Will I have to follow COVID-19 guidelines before and after the event?

Whilst travelling to the venue, queueing for entry and upon leaving the event, you must follow existing COVID-19 Government guidance.