UK Covid-19 Inquiry

The Test, Trace and Isolate response in England

April 2020 to April 2022

02/04/2020

Health Secretary sets out a plan to carry out 100,000 coronavirus tests a day by the end of April.

04/04/2020

DHSC's five pillar 'scaling up' strategy launched.

23/04//2020

Testing extended to essential workers including household members.

28/05/2020

NHS Test and Trace launched.

18/06/2020

Abandonment of the NHSX app in favour of the Google/Apple model.

01/07/2020

Local authorities begin to take on a larger role in contact tracing.

24/09/2020

NHS Covid-19 app launched.

28/09/2020

£500 Test and Trace Support payment open. Legal requirement to self-isolate introduced in England.

14/12//2020

Community Testing Programme launched.

09/04/2021

Free twice weekly rapid testing available to everyone in England.

16/08/2021

Fully vaccinated adults no longer need to self isolate when in contact with a positive case.

14/12/2021

Contacts must take daily LFTs for 7 days instead of self-isolation due to Omicron variant.

24/02/2022

Legal requirement to self-isolate removed.

01/04/2022

Free universal testing testing for all ends except for high risk groups and settings. NHS Test and Trace officially closes.