Regular asymptomatic testing engagement in young people in North West England

Parents

Focus Group Guide

1. Has your child ever had a COVID-19 test?

Prompts:
   a. If not, why not?
   b. If so, why did they get tested?
      i. Requirement for education/youth groups, had symptoms, someone you had
         contact with had symptoms, concerned about getting COVID or passing it
         onto others?
   c. Do you know what type of test they took?
      i. Lateral flow or PCR?
   d. Who provided them with the test?
   e. How did they know what type of test to take?
   f. How easy or difficult was it for them to take the test?
   g. Roughly how many tests/how frequently have they had COVID tests

2. Did others know that they were getting a test?

Prompts:
   a. If so, what did your friends/family think of them getting tested?

3. Did you report the result?

Prompt:
   a. Did you tell anyone else of the test result?
   b. Did they tell anyone else of the test result?
   c. Have you taken tests and not reported results?

4. Have you or your child ever tested positive COVID-19?

   a. how did that make you feel?
      i. Concern about what others might think?
      ii. Time off work/school?

5. If your child has never taken a COVID-19 test, can you tell me why not?

Prompts:
   a. Did you know you could get a test?
   b. Did you know where to get a test from?
   c. Did you have any concerns about the test result?
   d. Were you concerned about what your friends/family might think?
6. What information have you heard or seen about regular COVID testing?
   Prompts:
   a. Was the information specifically informing you about regular testing in young people?
   b. Where did you see/hear it – social media, work, school, friends/family?
   c. Was the information useful?
   d. Do you feel that the information applies to you?
   e. Are there sources of information you trust more than others?
   f. Do you feel like you need more information?
      i. If so, what would be helpful?

7. Can you tell me how you would get a test kit for regular COVID testing?
   Prompts:
   a. From your school or workplace, parents, chemist, online?
   b. How easy was it to get a test kit when you needed one?
   c. Is there anything that could have made it easier to get a test kit?

8. Do you think you will ask your child to take regular COVID tests in future?
   Prompts:
   a. If not, why not?
      i. Is there anything that might encourage you to get one?
   b. If yes, why?
   c. Would being vaccinated for COVID make any difference to your decision?

9. How important do you think it is to get regular COVID tests for you child?
   Prompts:
   a. For you personally?
      i. Why do you think that is?
   b. For other people where you live/work/go to school?
      i. Why do you think that is?
   c. How important is it for limiting the spread of COVID-19?
   d. Do you think you can catch COVID from someone with no symptoms?
   e. Do you think you can pass COVID on if you have no symptoms?

10. Is there anything else you would like to add that we have not already discussed?