## **MOT Testing and Mechanical Inspections**

You may have heard that the government have given the public a 6 month extension on their MOT test. To be clear, the government is allowing MOT stations and garages to remain open. So you can still get an MOT for your vehicle.

If drivers have been instructed by the licensing team to obtain an MOT and/or mechanical inspection test, they should still do this between the dates stated in their letter. They should not take the certificate into the council.

This should be emailed to licensing@eastleigh.gov.uk

If drivers are self-isolating and cannot carry out the test, we will suspend the vehicle until such time as the driver is fit and the test is done. Note that this can only be for a maximum of two months. After this, the vehicle licence will be revoked and a new licence must be applied for if this is possible.

At this time, many MOT stations within the borough are continuing to offer inspections and MOTs to the Eastleigh Taxi and Private Hire trade. Should you have issues, please contact the licensing team and we will try to assist, if possible.

Public safety remains our number one priority at this time. This advice is under constant review and should there be any change I will notify the trade as best as I can, including on the Taxi Noticeboard on our website.

Regards

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