

# Boris Johnson and Matt Hancock both test positive for coronavirus



VIRUS: Boris Johnson says he has tested positive for coronavirus. Pic. PA

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PRIME Minister Boris Johnson and health secretary Matt Hancock have both tested positive for coronavirus.

Mr Johnson announced on social media he had mild symptoms and is now self-isolating.

He said: "Over the last 24 hours I have developed mild symptoms and tested positive for coronavirus.

"I am now self-isolating, but I will continue to lead the government's response via video-conference as we fight this virus.

"Together we will beat this. #StayHomeSaveLives"

The Prime Minister was tested in Number 10 after experiencing mild symptoms on Thursday.

A Downing Street spokesman said: "After experiencing mild symptoms yesterday, the Prime Minister was tested for coronavirus on the personal advice of England's chief medical officer, Professor Chris Whitty.

"The test was carried out in No 10 by NHS staff and the result of the test was positive.

"In keeping with the guidance, the Prime Minister is self-isolating in Downing Street.

"He is continuing to lead the government's response to coronavirus."

Later it was confirmed health secretary Mr. Hancock has also tested positive.

Mr. Hancock tweeted: "Following medical advice, I was advised to test for #Coronavirus. I've tested positive.

"Thankfully my symptoms are mild and I'm working from home and self-isolating. Vital we follow the advice to protect our NHS & save lives."

After Mr. Johnson posted a Twitter video explaining that he had suffered "mild symptoms", Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn led messages from across the political divide.

He tweeted: "I wish the Prime Minister a speedy recovery and hope his family is safe and healthy.

"Coronavirus can and does affect anyone. Everyone be safe. Our own health depends on everybody else."

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