

Covid 19 Antibody Testing for ELHT & External Organisations.

The East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust will be supporting Antibody Testing for external Healthcare and Emergency services/organisations in the surrounding region. The organisations involved in this testing agreement include:

East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust	North West Ambulance Service
Lancashire Fire and Rescue	Lancashire Constabulary
Blackburn with Darwen – CCG	East Lancashire - CCG
Local Care Homes (Rossendale, Hyndburn, Blackburn with Darwen, Burnley, Pendle, Ribble Valley)	Affiliated External Organisations

What is an antibody test?

An antibody test can tell someone whether they have had the virus that causes Covid-19 in the past, by analysing a blood sample.

What do antibody test results mean?

A positive antibody test demonstrates that someone has developed antibodies to the virus. The presence of antibodies signals that the body has staged an immune response to the virus.

Covid-19 is a new disease, and our understanding of the body's immune response to it is limited. We do not know, for example, how long an antibody response lasts, nor whether having antibodies means you can't transmit the virus to others.

Our understanding of the virus will grow as new scientific evidence and studies emerge.

An antibody test result can only tell an individual whether or not they have had the virus in the past. Antibody tests are also being used currently in surveillance studies, to understand what proportion of the population have already had the virus.

If you test positive for antibodies, can you ignore lockdown restrictions?

No. There is no evidence yet to suggest that those who have been proven to have had the virus are immune. This is the position of the World Health Organisation.

You should continue to comply with social distancing measures and government guidelines. All infection prevention and control measures must continue to be in place irrespective of the presence of antibodies.

How will I be informed of the result?

Communication of the result is the responsibility of your employing organisation. The results will not go on the employment record and your GP should be able to access the result if required and according to local information sharing protocols.

How will my information be used?

The anonymised results across the testing programme will provide information on the prevalence of COVID-19 in different regions of the country and help better understand how the disease spreads.

Are there any risks to having the test?

There are some risks related to having a blood test, such as feeling dizzy and faint during and after the test but nothing specific to this antibody test. Risks can also include bruising at the venepuncture site. Serious complications such as an infection at the site where blood was taken and phlebitis (swelling of the vein) are possible but generally extremely unlikely.

Consent

- I confirm that I have read the above information; I understand that my participation is voluntary and I consent for this procedure.
- I have had the opportunity to consider the information and can confirm that I understand the nature and purpose of this procedure, together with the benefits and risks.
- I have confirmed a positive test will not mean at this point that I am immune and therefore I will continue to behave as if I might get or pass on the infection
- Your details will be registered on the National eReferral System to obtain an appointment.
- I declare that the information I have given on this form is correct and complete

Full Name.....**Date:**.....
(Block Capitals)

Antibody Testing Form



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Please complete all the fields so it can be processed quicker.

Full Name: (Block Capitals)	
Date of Birth: (DoB)	
NHS Number:	

Organisation:		Department;	
Borough:		Location of Work (Base):	
Work Contact Number:		Work Email:	
Work Mobile:			

Home Address:					
Town:		County:		Post Code:	

GP :	
Practice name:	
Address:	
Postcode:	
Telephone Number:	

Personal Email :	
Home Telephone number:	
Personal Mobile Phone Number:	
Preferred Contact Method:	

Signed.....Date.....