

HCA LABS COVID-19 TEST

ROCHE SARS-COV2 ANTIBODY TEST

## OVERVIEW OF THE TEST

The Roche SARS-CoV2 antibody test is used to determine whether a person might have gained antibodies against COVID-19.

Roche's SARS-CoV2 antibody test can help assess a person's immune response to the virus. It can give an indication as to whether you have had COVID-19 in the past.

However, currently we cannot guarantee that this gives immunity, as not enough is known about the virus. Therefore, no certificate of immunity can be issued based on the results of this test.

## ROCHE'S SARS-COV2 ANTIBODY TEST

SARS-CoV-2 is a test that detects total antibodies (including IgG) to COVID-19 [Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2)] in human serum and plasma from blood.

COVID-19 antibody test certification: This has received a CE Mark to the IVD Directive (98/79EC) from the regulatory body MHRA.



### HOW DO I BOOK A COVID-19 ANTIBODY TEST?

Simply fill in the COVID -19 Antibody request form and visit our Outpatient Phlebotomy Centre at:

111 Harley Street, London W1G 6AW

Opening times 08:00 to 16:00 Mon – Fri and 09:00 to 12:00 Sat and Sun

Please call to book if attending in the mornings: 020 7224 2565



## HOW IS THE TEST TAKEN, AND WHAT IS TESTED FOR?

A fully trained phlebotomist will draw a small amount of blood. This is sent to HCA labs who will test for the presence of antibodies to see if you have developed an immune response to the COVID-19 virus.



## WHAT IS THE COST?

£65 - this covers the test, a phlebotomy appointment and the results posted to you.

This test is a self-pay test only, and is not covered by private medical insurance. Payment will be taken at 111 Harley Street on the day of your appointment.



## HOW DO I RECEIVE THE RESULTS BACK, AND HOW LONG DO THEY TAKE?

You will receive the results back by 1st class post within 3 working days to the address given on your test request form.

## What's the difference between antibody testing and the coronavirus swab tests?

**Antibody tests** are different to the coronavirus [COVID-19] RT-PCR swab testing, which looks for live virus and current infection.

**Antibody tests** are used to detect antibodies to the COVID-19 virus to see if you have previously had the virus.

Please note that the antibody test is not a replacement for the COVID-19 swab test. If you have any symptoms for COVID-19; you need to have the swab test, not the antibody test.

## What does it mean if I test positive for antibodies?

If you receive a positive antibody result it may not mean that you're immune from coronavirus, or that you can't pass on the virus to others, if you were to become re-infected.

A positive antibody result means you have been exposed to the virus at some time and that your body has produced antibodies. There is no evidence yet to suggest that those who have had the virus are immune. You may still be at risk of infection, even with a positive antibody. You must still abide by social distancing and PPE (such as face covers) guidelines irrespective of your antibody status.

## How long does an antibody response last?

There is not yet enough evidence to suggest how long an antibody response lasts, or whether the antibodies produced are effective in neutralising the virus.

## When can I have another antibody test?

If your test is negative, and subsequently you think you have been infected by COVID-19, it would be advisable to take a COVID-19 RT-PCR to detect live virus. Following your infection, it would be best to wait until you are 14 days free of your last symptom before taking an antibody test.

## How will my data be shared?

Your data will never be shared without your consent. Our main priority is the health and safety of our patients and the wider community. HCA UK may need to share personal data with the NHS and other regulatory and government bodies for the purpose of supporting the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This will be done in accordance with data protection laws and will include any amendments to legislation made by the Secretary of State. We will also consider any relevant guidance provided by the Information Commissioner's Office. For all the information on how HCA UK data policy please go to [www.hcahealthcare.co.uk/legal/privacy-policy](http://www.hcahealthcare.co.uk/legal/privacy-policy)

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