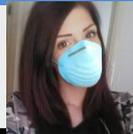


PATIENT INFORMATION

Coronavirus COVID-19 Antibody Serology Blood Test Explained



Individual during COVID pandemic

Showing symptoms & contacted GP

Diagnostic Test

- A swab is taken from the nose
- Sent to Laboratory
- Follow all advice from HPSC Algorithms www.hpsc.ie

Positive

Follow the advice of the Public Health Professionals.

If feeling unwell call the emergency services www.hpsc.ie

Negative

Follow the advice of the Public Health Professionals.

Stay Home and follow all guidelines for self isolation www.hpsc.ie

Not showing symptoms but requesting Antibody test

- If requested by the patient, a Covid-19 antibody (serology) blood test is possible
- However, it is important that the patient reads and understands the disclaimer below
- Although it is the patient's right to request this test, further research is warranted to ensure results are valid and accurate. Therefore, we do not recommend reliance on its results in terms of immunity to future SARS-CoV-2 infection or the possibility of infecting others.

Testing Procedure

- A small sample of blood is taken from the arm
- Safe practice attendance
- Safe blood-taking procedure
- Analysis by our accredited medical laboratory partner
- Results management in the limited capacity that is available to us until further research determines validity
- Record retention should test result be required in the future
- If you request it, your employer can be informed of the result of the test

Positive

If antibodies were found, this may be a sign that you were infected at some time. However, this result is not conclusive and does not ensure immunity from further infection. It is still important to follow all HSE guidelines in relation to SARS-CoV-2.

Negative

If antibodies were not found, it may mean that you have never been infected, or that having had the infection you now have a low level of undetectable antibodies. It is therefore important to follow all HSE guidelines in relation to SARS-CoV-2.

All antibody tests can give a false negative or a false positive result. Further studies into Covid19 antibody testing are required to help clarify the accuracy of antibody testing



DISCLAIMER: Centric Health has informed the patient that the presence of antibodies may not ensure immunity from SARS-CoV-2 infection. As global research into SARS-CoV-2 antibody testing is still in its infancy, its accuracy cannot be relied upon at present. Therefore, it is imperative that the patient should not assume full immunity from SARS-CoV-2 or the possibility of infecting others, and that all public health advice in relation to this virus should still be followed. It is however, the patient's prerogative to request this test, but it is their responsibility to accept its limitations. DC649 Patient Information & Disclaimer COVID-19 AB testing v1.0

I have read & understand this document & information provided and I am happy to proceed with Coronavirus Covid-19 Antibody Blood Testing.

Signed: _____ Date: _____