

# COVID-19 SURVEY

## COVID-19 Antibody Testing – What You Need to Know

What is a COVID-19 antibody test and why are you asking me to take one?

A COVID-19 antibody test is a blood test that checks for the presence of antibodies against the SARS-CoV-2 virus. These antibodies are produced by your immune system in response to the virus. The test can tell you if you have been infected with the virus at some point in your life, even if you do not have symptoms.

We are asking you to take the test because we want to understand how many people in our study have been infected with the virus. This information will help us to understand the impact of the virus on our community and to develop strategies to reduce its spread.

The test is simple and painless. It involves a small blood sample being taken from your arm. The results will be available to you within a few days.

There is no charge for the test, and it is completely confidential. Your results will only be used for research purposes and will not be shared with anyone else.

If you have any questions, please contact the research team at [childnc@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:childnc@ucl.ac.uk) or call 0800 092 1250.

Who is being invited to take the antibody test?

We are inviting all participants in our study to take the antibody test. This includes participants who have already taken the test and those who have not.

The test is available to all participants, regardless of their age, gender, or ethnicity.

If you are unable to take the test, please contact the research team at [childnc@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:childnc@ucl.ac.uk) or call 0800 092 1250.

What is involved?

- A small blood sample will be taken from your arm.
- The test is simple and painless.
- There is no charge for the test.
- The results will be available to you within a few days.
- Your results will only be used for research purposes.
- The test is completely confidential.
- You can stop the test at any time.

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### **What will happen to my test result?**

The result of your test will be made securely available to researchers along with other information you have provided to the study, to look at the impact of coronavirus on people's lives. Thriva will retain your test result but this will not be linked with your personal details. We are also legally obliged to share the results of the antibody tests with Public Health England. Public Health England may share this information with equivalent bodies in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. **The results shared with these organisations will not include any information that would allow you to be identified.**

### **How will you keep my information safe?**

Your personal details, the results of your antibody test and your blood sample will all be treated in the strictest confidence in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). For full information about this please visit the Child of the New Century website:

[childnc.net/faqs/#privacy-and-data-protection](https://childnc.net/faqs/#privacy-and-data-protection).

### **What if I have more questions?**

You can find more information on the Child of the New Century website:

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