

Briefing for COVID serology staff

Dear colleague,

Thank you for agreeing to be part of our response to rapidly roll out antibody testing to help find out more about the prevalence of COVID-19.

From Friday 28th May, we will be running anti-body testing from 20 different sites. In order to ensure consistency and standardisation, please see below details on the roll out:

Who: All EEAST staff including operational and support staff are entitled to the test (except those who are currently self isolating)

When: Testing will start on Friday 28th May

Kit: Equipment including the following will be available:

- Evacuated Collection Tubes (tubes specific to labs ordered) (yellow top serology clotted blood sample)
- Personal Protective Equipment (Level 2) (i.e gloves)
- Appropriate blood-drawing needles
- Tourniquet
- Hand Sanitizer
- Alcohol swabs for skin disinfection
- Laboratory specimen labels
- Gauze

Test collection: Tests should be placed in the biohazard bag along with the consent form and completed NNUH microbiology form. Any forms not completed will not be accepted. Tests will be collected and driven to NNUH pathology lab by 6pm. After this time, they can still be collected but will be on the next day's run

Core data: Full name, DOB, NHS/Hospital number should be included and clearly labelled COVID IGG serology in addition to location you are sending the form from, where you are sending it to and the time the sample was collected

Coordination centre: Tests should be booked via the coordination centre. The coordination centre will send over a template to complete (Please do so electronically where possible) so we are able to calculate the number of tests done per day.

You may have individuals turn up on the day. If there is capacity for these to be tested, then you will need to ensure they have phoned the Coordination Centre in the first instance to book in (Number: **0300 790 0267**). Please do not undertake the test until the individual has given you the unique reference number. (7 digits). Subsequently, they need to be marked and template dataset completed in full.

At the end of the day, please double check the testing template, and ensure it is completed in full. Once completed please send to EEASTCoordinationcentre@eastamb.nhs.uk clearly identifying your testing area.

Contact details: please contact the project team or coordination centre with any queries or issues