

Virus Watch

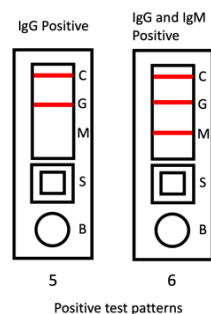
COVID-19 Antibody Test Instructions Vaccine UPDATE

In light of the National vaccination roll out, we would like to update how we interpret the results for the COVID-19 Finger Prick Antibody tests.

Reading my result – what does it mean?

It is important that you read your result at **10 minutes**.

Below is a series of pictures of different results. Select the one that best matches what is showing on your test:



If the line next to the C is red, and there is also a red line next to the G or G and M, then **your test is positive** for COVID-19 antibodies. It doesn't matter how light or dark the lines are. This means that it is **likely** that you have previously had an infection with COVID-19 **and/or** that you have been vaccinated against COVID-19. It can take a few weeks for an antibody test to become positive after an infection or vaccination.

You should **NOT** assume that a positive test means that you are immune to COVID-19. Full vaccination against COVID-19 reduces your risk of becoming severely ill from this infection.

However, following either infection or vaccination, we do not know the extent to which having antibodies protects people against getting the infection again. We also do not know the effect of antibodies on our ability to spread the infection to other people. For this reason, you must continue to follow government guidelines, on handwashing, social distancing and wearing face coverings.