

Your recent test for antibodies against the virus that causes COVID was POSITIVE

Antibody tests are being used nationally in studies to understand what proportion of the population have already had the virus and this is why you were selected to be tested

What is an antibody test?

A blood antibody test can tell someone whether they have had the virus that causes Covid-19 in the past

What do antibody test results mean?

Your positive antibody test shows that you have been infected with the COVID virus sometime in the past. One cannot say when that infection was, antibodies can be present in some individuals from a few days after infection and by 14 days after infection virtually all those infected will have antibodies.

Covid-19 is a new disease, our understanding of the body's antibody response to it is limited. We do not know, for example, how long an antibody response lasts, nor whether having antibodies means you cannot get the disease again

You may tested positive for antibodies but you ignore current lockdown restrictions?

There is no evidence yet to suggest that those who have been proven to have had the virus are immune.

You should continue to comply with social distancing measures and government guidelines. All infection prevention and control measures must continue to be in place irrespective of the presence of antibodies.

Who will see this result?

This will form part of your Medical record and be governed by strict medical confidence rules and Laws

How might this information be used?

Your result will form part of national ANONYMISED (the link between the test result and you as an individual will be broken) data that will provide information on the prevalence of COVID-19 in different regions of the country and help better understand how the disease spreads.