

Harrogate and District – How to access an antibody test

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What is the antibody test?

- Antibody tests are now being provided free of charge by the NHS to anyone in paid adult social care employment, whether they have had symptoms or not.
- The antibody test is a voluntary blood test which involves taking blood from the arm and determines whether you have had Coronavirus.
- Antibody test results will help to understand the prevalence of the virus across the country and may be helpful in the future if scientific research is released with conclusive findings about immunity.
- It is important to note there is currently no evidence to show that someone cannot be re-infected with the virus, or pass it on to others, or have protective immunity. This means anyone with a positive antibody test will need to continue following government guidelines, such as social distancing and using PPE.

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Site locations and opening times

Initial testing is being delivered through two sites:

- **Harrogate Hospital Outpatient blood test (Phlebotomy)** Lancaster Park Road, Harrogate, HG2 7SX
- **Harrogate Sainsbury's Pharmacy Dept,** Sainsbury's, Wetherby Road, Harrogate, HG2 8QZ

Testing sites are open at following times:

Harrogate Hospital - 08:30 – 16:45 Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri and 07:30 – 16:45 on Tues

Harrogate Sainsburys - 07:30 – 11:00 Mon to Fri

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How to book

To access the test, please access the below website and complete the web-form:

<https://fx.hdft.nhs.uk/Serology/>

By completing the form and submitting your information a blood test request form will be created for you.

This will then be emailed to you. Please **print this out** at home or at work (this is important). You must take the paper form with you to have a blood taken at one of our locations.

If you encounter any challenges to booking antibody tests, including any suggestions for improving access, please contact the DHSC regional coordinators for the North East & Yorkshire by contacting the below email:

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