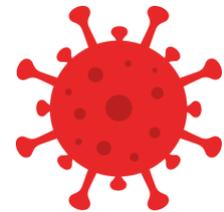


Information for Patients Requesting Covid PCR Testing



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Cambridge Private Doctors are UKAS accredited for Covid PCR testing and are on the official UK Government list of approved providers for Test and Release

It is a complicated matter, and this advice leaflet is written to help people work out how the system works.

We can offer Self Collection Kits to use at home to detect the presence of active infection or detect antibodies.

We can offer clinic appointments for patients needing a swab test that must be taken by a health care professional or for a blood test by venepuncture

Home test Kits for detection of virus	£ 173 (plus £6 if kits posted)
Home test Kits for Test and Release	£ 173 (plus £6 if kits posted)
Home test Kits to detect antibodies	£89 (inc postage)
Clinic Test for detection of virus	£173
Clinic test to detect antibodies	£108.50 (inc postage)

If you have any questions – please email us, rather than telephone

Please complete one the questionnaires below if you wish to proceed

- Then importantly let us know you have completed the appropriate questionnaire by emailing us at enquiries@cambridgeprivatedoctors.co.uk
- Remember, you must complete a questionnaire for each member of your party
- At this point we will contact you again and organise the tests.

Link to questionnaires:

[Pre-Flight](#)

[Test and release](#)



Prior to Flights and for test and release

At present we are getting the results back in 24 hours. (95% same day)

If you are going to use the Govt. Test and release scheme – please view the instructions on their web site

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-test-to-release-for-international-travel>

We provide a certificate which includes the details of the accreditation of the labs. We have done many of these, and the only problem is when passengers leave it until the last minute. It is worth noting the exact requirements of the airline before we go ahead. There should be no problem in us getting this done for you, and you might just like to get in contact a week or so before so we can book you in.

We suggest that you take the completed kits directly to the labs in Little Chesterford - 10/15 minutes from Cambridge, after the swab rather than risk delivering by post if the sample is time dependant.

After the sample is taken, it is sent to **Oncologica® UK ltd** who are fully accredited bio-medical laboratories, as used in the NHS by Public Health England. is situated about ten miles south of Cambridge.

Oncologica® UK ltd
Chesterford Research Park
Little Chesterford
Essex CB10 1XL

The laboratory aims to get every test analysed within 24 hours of receiving the sample.

Cambridge Private Doctors provides a technical testing service using accredited laboratories. We cannot know the requirements of all the various airlines and border controls; this has to remain the responsibility of the traveller to establish the requirements for their particular journey(s).

If you have already committed to have this test with Cambridge Private Doctors, we can reassure you as to the quality of the laboratory and the other accreditations. Oncologica inform us their remaining credentials are sufficient for international travel and will be available to confirm this to individuals or authorities at airports.

Once your result processed you will receive:

- A copy of the certificate
- A covering letter from us

There are two ways in which we can help you with the testing

- **Method A: By home collection of a sample.** In this situation, we register your request; we arrange for a test kit (swab) to be sent to your home or for you to collect a test kit directly from us. You then take your own swab test and following the simple instructions replacing your sample in the package provided, and returning it to the lab either by post, courier or by driving it directly there if time-critical.
- **Method B: By seeing you in person** and one of our doctors will take the swab from you. We then suggest that you take the kit directly to our lab

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Occasionally we can take the sample for you, but this is usually only by prior arrangement if we have several samples to take to the lab

- **If you wish to post the sample, we will enclose a "track 24" Royal Mail prepaid label**

From 4th July all tests will have to be posted into the new **NHS priority post boxes**
In addition, they must be tracked 24

NHS priority post boxes – there are 30,000 of these around the country
<https://www.royalmail.com/priority-postboxes>

You can search for the closest one to you here:
<https://www.royalmail.com/services-near-you#/>



We either see you at our branch surgery (>18 years only) - CB22 5LD

Or we can see you at one of the Doctors Home addresses – central Cambridge or Babraham

If you are concerned you may have active Covid you are advised to contact the NHS via your GPs or by ringing 111.

If you have any concerns, please view the NHS web site

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Some people find the testing centres are impossible to reach; in this case, we can arrange for you to receive a home collection testing kit. We regret we cannot see patients who are likely to be infected or are suffering acute Covid like symptoms. If you think you have Covid the ideal time to take the sample is between day two and day five after developing symptoms.

How to take a home swab for Covid PCR

You will receive a kit and a padded envelope compliant with government regulations for posting samples

You either then take the kit direct to the labs, or we will provide you with a TRACK 24 prepaid envelope

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Important

The test kits are costly, and it is very time-consuming arranging tests for patients.

- **You will be invoiced in advance for the test and appointments will be confirmed/kits sent out once the invoice is settled**
- **If you cancel a test subsequently, we will reimburse you £110 per cancelled test**
- **If you cancel a kit that we have posted to you, we will reimburse you £50 per cancelled test (we will not be able to reuse the Kits)**
- **We get 95% of all results within 24 hours, sometimes earlier, but if tests need to be re-run, it can go beyond 24 hours.**

Click the link below for:

[Instructions for taking a self-test swab](#)

Using the home testing kit for Covid antibodies

An antibody test can tell you if it's likely you've had coronavirus before.

But it does not work for everyone, as some people who've had the virus do not have antibodies.

An antibody test does not tell you:

- if you're immune to coronavirus
- if you can or cannot spread the virus to other people

If you think you have had COVID, please wait 21 days after recovery before taking the test or 28 days if you have had contact with someone who has COVID symptoms.

We will send you a Home test Kit:

The Kit

- CE marked IVD for COVID
- MHRA approved
- Track24 Response mailer/label included
- CE marked **Roche assay (Total IgG/IgM)** [TDL code **TCOV**]
- Samples can be posted to the laboratory through any Royal Mail post box.
- Sample taking instructions are enclosed (see below)

The test

The antibody test is the **ROCHE Total IgG/IgM assay** and is CE marked for capillary testing.

The cost is £89 (including postage)

[Click here for more information about how to take the test](#)