

COVID19 ANTIBODY TEST GUIDANCE SHEET

The following guidance sheet should be used along side the test kit inserts to help perform the Antibody testing service. You can use the video found at bit.ly/covid-antibody-test

1. If the kit has been stored in a cool location, allow the kit to sit at room temperature (15 – 25°C) for half an hour before use.

2. Wash your hands well with warm water and dry thoroughly.

3. Open the foil pouch and remove the cassette. Place the test cassette on a clean level surface.

4. Using the provided alcohol pad, clean the fingertip of the middle or ring finger.

5. Carefully twist and remove the cap from the lancet. Push the lancet firmly against the fingertip. A spring-loaded needle will pierce the skin before retracting. The lancet can only be used once.

6. Wipe away the first drop of blood that appears. Then gently massage the area around the puncture site to encourage volume of blood to perform the test.

7. Take a sample dropper and, holding it vertically, draw up the blood to 1cm above the thin tip of the dropper.

8. Take the sample dropper to the sample well (S) of the cassette, and **one full drop** of blood, (alternatively blood can be dropped directly from the finger to the sample well).

9. Follow the single drop of blood with **two drops of buffer** from the buffer tube supplied with the kit again in the sample well and Immediately start the timer.

10. Wait for the coloured line(s) to appear. **Read the result after 10 minutes have elapsed.** Do not read the results after 20 minutes.

