
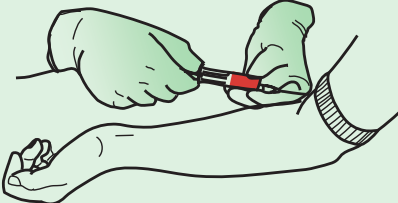
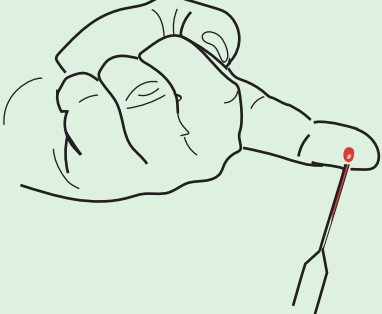




What are the differences between Coronavirus (COVID-19) tests?

Swab test Do I have it?	Antibody test Have I had it?	
	Laboratory test	Home test
<p>How does the test work?</p> <p>Swab sample from throat and nose</p> 	<p>How does the test work?</p> <p>Blood test taken by a medical professional</p> 	<p>How does the test work?</p> <p>'Finger-prick' test taken at home</p> 
<p>Can I get tested now?</p> <p>Anyone experiencing symptoms can ask for a test through the NHS website, and priority testing is available to essential workers</p>	<p>Can I get tested now?</p> <p>This test is being offered to NHS and social care staff, and to NHS hospital inpatients and care home residents based on their clinician's advice</p>	<p>Can I get tested now?</p> <p>These tests are currently not accurate enough and the Government is not offering them at present. We plan to offer this in the future once more accurate tests are available</p>
<p>More detail available here: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested#self-referral</p> <p>What does it mean?</p> <p>Indicates if a person:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• needs to continue to self isolate• can return to work• needs to be re-tested	<p>What does it mean?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can tell someone whether they have had the virus or not, but not about any level of protection or immunity from getting the virus again. Social distancing measures must still be followed• Scientists and the Government gain a better understanding of the spread of the virus	