

## COVID-19 antibody test

An antibody test shows whether you have previously been infected with COVID-19. A blood sample is taken to see whether you have antibodies against the virus. The test must be performed when you are in good health, ideally a few weeks after your most recent infection in order to allow time for you to have built up antibodies.

### How do I get a test?

You book an appointment for a test at your medical centre. We would direct you in the first instance to use the online booking system via 1177.se rather than booking by telephone.

Below you will find a link to all medical centres in the county. Select Boka tid direkt (Book appointment directly) in e-services. If there are no available appointments at your usual medical centre, you can either look for an appointment at a different medical centre or wait.

[Medical centres in Kronoberg](#)

It is also possible to book an appointment at the primary care health unit irrespective of where you are registered.

[Primary Care Health Unit Växjö,](#)

### How do I interpret the result?

Where antibodies are not detected in the blood sample, this indicates that you have not had COVID-19.

Where antibodies are detected in the blood sample, it means that it is highly likely that you have had COVID-19. This will give you some immunity, i.e. you will be partially or fully protected against a new infection with severe symptoms. However, we do not yet know how effective this immunity is, or how long it lasts.

**It is important to continue following the recommendations of the Public Health Agency of Sweden even if antibodies are detected.**

[Find out more \(in Swedish\) about how to interpret the result on the Public Health Agency of Sweden's website](#)

## What about children?

The self-test used can be performed by most children from school age onwards.

In cases where no test has been performed, it is recommended that children and adolescents remain at home while symptoms persist and for a further 48 hours without symptoms. If the child still has mild symptoms, such as a dry cough and slightly runny nose, seven days after becoming ill, the child may return to school and other activities even if no test has been performed.

As far as the youngest children are concerned, i.e. those in nursery school, it is recommended that they remain at home in the first instance when they are ill, without having a test. It is recommended that nursery school children, too, can return once 48 hours have passed without symptoms, or if mild symptoms remain seven days after they became ill. For smaller children, the test sample needs to be taken from the rear part of the nose, which is a more cumbersome and often painful test. As small children usually have mild symptoms and do not appear to contribute to the spread of infection, this is rarely justified. If you still would like your child to be tested, contact your medical centre and we will discuss the matter on a case-by-case basis.

## How much does the test cost?

The test costs SEK 200 for both adults and children and is not included in the Swedish high-cost protection scheme.

You may cancel or rebook your appointment no later than 24 hours before your appointment. It is not possible to cancel the appointment online later than 24 hours in advance and an invoice for SEK 200 will be issued.

## When will I get the result?

The result will arrive within two working days, You can find the result of the test in your medical record by logging into 1177.se.

If you do not have an account on 1177.se or are aged 13–18, the test result will be sent to your home.