



## SARS-CoV-2 IgG Serology Testing

Please note effective **14<sup>th</sup> June**, SARS-CoV-2 IgG serology testing will be available at Pathlab.

This assay can potentially be used to assess vaccine response and to detect previous infection.

This is a quantitative IgG assay performed on the Abbott Alinity platform. However, as it is still not clear exactly what level of antibodies confers reliable protection against COVID-19 post-vaccination, we will report positive and negative IgG results in a qualitative manner in the first instance, along with qualifying comments as below:

### Positive

*“IgG antibodies to SARS-CoV-2 spike protein DETECTED. This result indicates prior exposure to SARS-CoV-2 or vaccination. Antibody levels peak approximately 2 weeks after infection or second dose of vaccine, with variable duration of measurable antibody. The presence of antibodies is likely to be associated with current protection from symptomatic COVID-19 infection, but a true serological correlate of protection has not yet been established.”*

### Negative

*“IgG antibodies to SARS-CoV-2 NOT detected. A proportion of mild cases of COVID-19 do not produce durable antibodies. The presence of antibodies is likely to be associated with current protection from symptomatic COVID-19 infection, but a true serological correlate of protection has not yet been established. Absence of measurable antibodies after vaccination does not necessarily imply lack of immunity.”*

Please ensure relevant clinical history and COVID-19 vaccination status (including date of vaccination) is on the request form.

Please note - this assay is not currently funded so the patient will be charged.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions.

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