

Q&A for COVID-19 testing at Cytiva Uppsala

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What is this about?

F: What's happening in Uppsala about the COVID-19 investigation

S: The Karolinska Institute has started a pandemic center to contribute knowledge and analysis capacity for COVID-19. To contribute to the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, the center is now scaling up its analytical capacity for testing both viruses (carrying the infection) and antibody testing (having had COVID-19) and is therefore conducting a research project.

KI has invited Cytiva to participate in the research and you as an associate of Cytiva in Uppsala are now offered the opportunity to take these tests. Participation is voluntary and you must have BankID and access to your smartphone or computer in order to participate. The test period will take place from 11 May to 18 June.

F: Is this instead of health care if I don't feel well?

S: It is important to remember that these tests do not replace medical care. You should continue to follow the recommendations of the National Health Authority on measures to reduce the spread of infection and take social distance to protect yourself and Cytiva's sites.

Who will get tested?

Q: My family member belongs to a risk group, can they get tested too?

A: No, the tests are only being offered to associates.

Q: Will the site in Umeå be offered to take the tests? Their production is just as critical.

A: No. Proximity to the analysis lab in Stockholm is critical for the logistics of managing the tests, which means Umeå is not able to be included at this time.

Q: I haven't received a calendar invite for testing, have I been left out?

A: The period for testing is May 14 to June 18 and a calendar invite will be sent to everyone, but not everyone will get invites at the same time. If you have not received an invite by June 5, please contact Johanna Borin in Human Resources.

Q: Who is included in the testing process? Is it everyone on site or only Cytiva employees?

A: The offer goes to all Cytiva associates in Uppsala as well as consultants and Sodexo employees. Recipharm is not in scope.

About the testing method

Q: What happens if the test shows that I am infected but not showing any symptoms?

A: If you do not have any symptoms and your test shows that you are infected, you are to quarantine at home for one week. You will be invited for a follow-up test the week after your quarantine, provided the testing period is still in progress. You need to be free from symptoms for a period of 72 hours before returning to the site.

Q: The virus test shows that I am infected with COVID-19. Will I be able to take the antibody test?

A: You will be able to re-take the virus test provided the testing period is still in progress and that you have been free of symptoms for 72 hours. If that tests show that you do not have the virus, you will be able to take the antibody test.

Q: What happens if the test shows that I have antibodies? Does that mean that I am immune and can move around freely (i.e stop social distancing)

A: No. Currently no one knows how effective the immunity is. You need to continue following the recommendations set out by the National Health Association (Folkhälsomyndigheten) and by the Cytiva site.

Q: How do we know that these tests are reliable?

Two different suppliers have been evaluated for the virus test and both show equivalent results. They are now set up at the analytical lab at the Pandemic center in Stockholm. The self-testing procedure including samples from the mouth, nose and saliva is the recommended testing procedure.

The antibody assay uses a panel of SARS-Cov2 proteins. This new platform has been validated by the Karolinska University Laboratory and show close to 100% specificity and sensitivity Blood sampling from the arm is required for this test.

Q: Why have these particular tests been chosen? There are many different testing labs

A: The tests we are using are the same tests that the National Health Agency (Folkhälsomyndigheten) have chosen to use for scaling up the testing and analysis capacity in Sweden. This collaboration between Cytiva and Karolinska Institute supports this scale-up.

Q: Why are you putting resources on Cytiva associates instead of going straight to elderly care or health care professionals?

A: The investigation at Cytiva is part of the ongoing work to scale up the analytical capacity to prepare for supporting e.g. in-home care for the elderly. Cytiva in Uppsala was able to support this investigation due to the fact that we have capacity for both the logistics related to the self-sampling, the blood sampling performed by our occupational health team, sample processing and proximity to the analytical labs.

Booking appointments for taking the tests

Q: The app says I should submit my virus test but I have not received the sampling kit?

A: The process starts with that you get an invite in Outlook to pick-up your self-sampling kit for the virus test. Before you have received that Outlook invitation, you don't need to do anything. You will get the invite for the blood test in the app. The test period continues until June 18.

Q: When should I submit my sample?

A: The process starts with that you get an invite in Outlook to pick-up your self-sampling kit for the virus test. Before you have received that Outlook invitation, you don't need to do anything. You will get the invite for the blood test in the app. ~~The test period continues until June 18.~~ Associates who required to be on site to perform their work are summoned in the beginning of the period.

F: I want to participate in the investigation. How do I apply?

S: A: The process starts with that you get an invite in Outlook to pick-up your self-sampling kit for the virus test. You are participating in the investigation when you have picked-up your virus sampling kit and registered yourself in the app. Before you have received that Outlook invitation, you don't need to do anything. You will get the invite for the blood test in the app. The test period continues until June 18. Associates who required to be on site to perform their work is summoned in the beginning of the period.

Q: Can I change the time slot I have been allocated?

A: If you are interested in taking the test, we ask that you adjust your schedule so that you are available during the time slot you have been allocated. The antibody test must be taken the day after the virus test, so it is important that you are available both days. If you are not able to use the time slot allocated to you, we will try to find a slot for you at the end of the testing period.

Q: I am currently working from home and do not want to come into the site but still want to take the tests. What do I do?

A: The self-testing kit for the virus test can be picked up in a "drive through" tent located outside Träna center (Occupational Health Service - the gym). You can also drop off your test the same way. The antibody test is a blood test taken by nurse in Träna center and requires that you come to the site. Only those who have tested negative for the virus will be taking the blood test and all personnel in Träna center will be wearing protective gear. The testing stations in Träna center are also set up with social distancing as a prerequisite.

Q: I am sick at the moment, can I still take the tests?

A: The self-sampling kit can be picked up at a "drive through" tent outside Träna center. You submit your sample to the same place the following day. You can do this if you are healthy enough to drive your own car to work. If not, we can post the sampling kit to your home. Please contact Johanna Borin, Human Resources, for support. The blood sampling for the antibody test must be done on-site. You must show a negative result from your virus test before you can give a blood sample for the antibody test.

Taking the tests

Q: I am not sure I took the virus test correctly, can i retake the test?

A: The virus test measures if the virus is present, and that there is enough human material to make an accurate analysis. If the test shows that there is not enough human material, you will receive a message about the option of re-taking the test.

Q: Blood from my nose ended up on the swab when I took the test. Do I have to retake the test?

A: No

Q: I just had a meal, does this affect the test results?

A: No, intake of food does not affect the virus test or the antibody test.

Q: Where do I pick up the kit for the virus test?

A: The self-testing kit for the virus test is picked up from a tent outside Träna center. You pick up your kit between 13:30 and 15:30 the day before you drop off your virus test.

Q: Where do I drop off my virus test?

A: The virus test is dropped off in the tent outside Träna center, the same place where you picked up your self-testing kit the day before. The test must be dropped off between 8:00 and 10:00.

Q: Where do I go for the antibody test?

A: The antibody test is a blood test and it will be taken at Träna center. It is very important that you take your test during the allotted time slot so that we can avoid cues and maintain social distancing.

Q: Why are there two tests and what is being tested?

A: The virus test measures whether you have the COVID-19 virus in your body at the time the test is taken. The second test, the antibody test, measures if you carry COVID-19 antibodies. If you have

antibodies it means that you have had the COVID-19 virus and may have immunity. As the COVID-19 virus is such a new virus, we still do not know enough about how well immunity works.

Q: What does it mean if my tests are negative?

A: The virus test measures whether you have the COVID-19 virus in your body at the time the test is taken. If your test result is negative, it means that at this moment, you are not infected with the COVID-19 virus.

The second test, the antibody test, measures if you carry COVID-19 antibodies. If the test result is negative, it means that you do not have COVID-19 antibodies in your blood and therefore have not had the COVID-19 virus.

The HOPE App

Q: I don't have a BankID, who can help me with that?

A: You will need to contact your bank and apply for BankID. The BankID is needed for you to securely sign into the HOPE app.

Q: Which care provider should I use?

A: Please use NPC- Boländerna. NPC stands for National Pandemic Center. The password is cytiva

Q: The text in the app is in Swedish but I don't speak Swedish. What do I do?

A: We hope that we will have the app dated with English within a few weeks, until then please reach out to HR or Occupational Health who will take you through the text.

Q: Which company created the app?

A: The HOPE App is developed, run and supported by the Swedish company ADDI Medical. Their offices are located in Danderyd, Stockholm. Prior to founding ADDI Medical, Nina Sellberg, Managing Director and founder, helped create the health service 1177.se.

Q: Why do I have to use the app?

A: The HOPE App is used to manage the flow of information between the individuals who are responsible for the testing, the individuals taking the test, and the analysis labs. The app is necessary to be able to securely manage the logistics of information between all the stakeholders.

Q: Can I take the tests without using the app?

A: No.

Managing personal data

Q: How will my personal information be handled in the HOPE app?

A: Please read the Terms & Conditions in the HOPE app to understand how your information will be managed. How your information is used depends on what consent you give in the app.

Q: Who will see the results of my tests?

A: Cytiva will receive information at a high level about what percentage of associates are infected and what percentage of associates have antibodies. A small team from associates and the Occupational Health Team (Företagshälsovården) on site will receive information about which individuals are infected. This is in order to provide guidance and to take the necessary to keep our site safe.