

# COVID-19 TESTING SERVICE

**During this COVID-19 crisis, it is essential that we sustain our local and UK economies, and a key imperative is to test as many people as possible so that we can get back to work and rebuild our economy!**

The overall intent of this Occupational Health Testing Programme is to assist employers, employees and the UK economy by ensuring that our workforce across all sectors of the economy are appropriately tested for the COVID-19 virus and other viruses' to safeguard employees and allow businesses to continue to trade and to help drive the economy.

The following highlights the key features of this Point-of-Care Testing Service:

- We use industry standard IgM Immunoassay which identifies if the employee has had the viral infection or not and whether the employee has developed an immunity to this virus. The overall IgG accuracy is 99% and overall IgM accuracy is 99%. While these tests offer a high percentage of accuracy, there remains a small percentage of variability which could be misleading. We would therefore advise that if you develop symptoms that you contact the NHS and follow the government guidelines.
- We provide on-site, Point-of-Care testing to GMP standards [using blood droplet from a pin prick] which is conducted by scientists and trained technicians.
- Results generated in 10 minutes.
- A certified test result certificate is provided for each employee. It will then be the responsibility of the employer to determine how best to manage the workforce with the information provided.
- As a notifiable disease, all COVID-19 test data will be collected by the Healthscope team, as per Public Health England Guidelines and submitted to PHE as part of the national COVID-19 surveillance programme.