



## Who we are

Covid Testing Network is a network of specialist UKAS accredited testing and diagnostic labs who provide Covid-19 testing to both the Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) and Employers.

The network was established long before lockdown in February 2020, with a charitable donation from The Fischer Family Trust, to convert the labs from their normal work, to provide desperately needed additional Covid-19 testing capacity to support the DHSC in testing in care homes and GP surgeries.

Since then, The Network have been at the forefront of Covid-19 testing, providing specialist testing for the DHSC, including running trials in schools, testing hard to reach communities such as asylum seekers and rough sleepers and more recently providing fast turnaround testing for Local Authority outbreaks.

The Network also provides workplace testing for commercial organisations, pioneering Pool Testing to dramatically reduce the costs of testing for industry.

## What we do

We provide regular screening for asymptomatic patients, with results on the same day. Whereas the official government policy is only to test symptomatic carriers of Covid-19, we believe it is just as vital to test those 80% of carriers with no symptoms who could be spreading the virus without knowing it.

As the number of carriers decreases throughout the population, regular testing will be crucial in our nationwide effort to track and contain the pandemic.

## Why we test asymptomatic people

Given the highly contagious nature of the coronavirus, many employees are understandably worried about returning to work, especially where social distancing cannot always be

practiced. Regular screening, combined with thorough cleaning and reliable PPE, is the most scientific and practical way to ensure working environments are safe.

As we emerge into an uncertain future, our testing program aims to help people to return to work in as much comfort and confidence as possible.

## Pioneering Pool Testing

Our laboratories have been at the cutting edge of the science behind asymptomatic testing since the very beginning of the outbreak in the UK. By adopting pool testing our costs have significantly reduced, making regular PCR testing programmes accessible to all kinds of organisations.

## Benefits of proactive testing

Thanks to regular screening, GPs and frontline health staff have been able to continue their incredible contribution to our nationwide response to the pandemic.

Surgeries have remained open which would otherwise have closed due to coughs and colds. Self-isolating doctors were able to return to work as soon as they had beaten the virus. Negative tests have reassured hay fever sufferers to continue working despite the similarities in symptoms. For testimonials and case studies [click here](#).

## Contacts

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Our founders are available to speak about the Covid Testing Network and to share their scientific knowledge. To arrange an online interview, please email [george@covid19-testing.org](mailto:george@covid19-testing.org)

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