



# SARS-CoV-2

## Point of care EQA

External Quality Assessment (EQA) scheme for the detection of SARS-CoV-2 using near patient testing devices such as Lateral Flow Devices, SARS-CoV-2 antigen tests, LAMP and Molecular platforms e.g PCR

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- ✓ 6 distributions (every other month) each containing four specimens
- ✓ Participants can report results from two platforms per distribution
- ✓ Specimens supplied in viral transport medium and contain human cellular material for internal control.
- ✓ Specimens may contain other respiratory pathogens (such as Influenza, RSV etc.)
- ✓ Specimens will contain SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern (e.g. Delta etc.)
- ✓ Country-specific performance analysis available for countries with greater than 10 participants
- ✓ Two week period for examination and reporting results
- ✓ Helps identify performance issues in a prompt manner
- ✓ Scheme supported by qualified and experienced professionals
- ✓ Educational
- ✓ Intended results will appear on our website <https://ukneqasmicro.org.uk/> the day after the closing date and reports will be issued within 20 working days

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