



Molecular detection of SARS-CoV-2 EQA

This scheme is designed for organisations testing for SARS-CoV-2 using molecular methods.

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- ✓ 4 distributions each containing four specimens per UK financial year
- ✓ Participants can report results from two platforms per distribution
- ✓ Specimens supplied as lyophilized (freeze dried) samples
- ✓ Specimens may contain other respiratory pathogens (such as Influenza and other coronaviruses)
- ✓ Specimens will contain SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern
- ✓ Participants can request free of charge extra volume should their platform require it
- ✓ 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
- ✓ Repeat specimens available (free of charge) for EQA failure investigation
- ✓ Intended results will appear on our website www.ukneqasmicro.org.uk/ the day after the closing date and reports will be issued within 20 working days
- ✓ Accredited in accordance with **ISO/IEC 17043:2010**

For further information, please contact the Virology Scheme Manager by email: organiser@ukneqasmicro.org.uk

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