

## FAQs

Webinar: Covid-19 Vaccine Effectiveness Webinar

Time: Feb 12th 2021, 1pm

### Key links from the webinar:

- Oxford-RCGP RSC: <https://orchid.phc.ox.ac.uk/>
- Surveillance: <https://orchid.phc.ox.ac.uk/index.php/all-year-virology-and-serology-surveillance/>
- COVID-19 Vaccine Effectiveness: <https://orchid.phc.ox.ac.uk/index.php/covid-19ve/>
- Webinar and Podcasts: <https://orchid.phc.ox.ac.uk/index.php/webinars-podcasts/>
- Material requests: <https://orchid.phc.ox.ac.uk/index.php/material-request/>

### 1. What paperwork needs completing when sending the bloods for the Vaccine Effectiveness Project?

Currently, the same paper work as for the General Serology Surveillance. Please visit <https://orchid.phc.ox.ac.uk/index.php/all-year-virology-and-serology-surveillance/>. Each sample/swab should be sent to the correct lab with a completed lab form and correct details written (or stuck) onto the sample tube. Please do not confuse this with the Convalescent Serology paperwork (this is a different collection).

- [Lab Form for General Virology Surveillance](#) (ERCGP20, December 2020 onwards)
- [Lab form for General Serology Surveillance](#)

### 2. Do we have to keep a record of the patients we have taken serology to time the further samples needed?

Yes, this would be very helpful. We are looking to provide some monitoring support through the pseudonymised data we received from the lab, but recording this at the practice level will be really helpful.

### 3. Any useful tips on boosting testing numbers, from those 'star' practices that you mentioned?

Reply from a practice: "We ask every patient attending for blood if they agree to have an extra sample then and then we do a weekly search to record those who have participated in serology and now had vaccine and then aim to contact them eleven weeks after first sample for second post vaccine sample."

### 4. How do we sign up. Is this only for Oxford area?

All practices are welcome to join, to express an interest please visit [EOI for VE](#) or email [practiceenquiries@phc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:practiceenquiries@phc.ox.ac.uk). If you are not already an Oxford RSGP RSC network practice, please sign up at [Oxford RCGP RSC Sign Up](#)

### 5. Are we still okay with opportunistic serology without involving this extension? Is the number capped per week?

Yes, please do continue with opportunistic sampling, there is no cap. Some practice dashboards will say 'Target Achieved' for a particular age group. This intended to encourage a more representative distribution of sampling across the network but all samples will be counted.

**6. We still have some testing kits/swabs (for virology) in the practice and when we last sent it, the report mentioned we were using an out of date request form. Is there a resource of where the new request form can be downloaded?**

The virology surveillance form was recently updated to include information on COVID-19 vaccination, please do make sure you are using/ being sent the correct form by our supplier. The serology surveillance form remains the same:

- [Lab Form for General Virology Surveillance](#) (ERCGP20, December 2020 onwards)
- [Lab form for General Serology Surveillance](#)

As mentioned in the webinar, there may be an additional serology form for the VE collection but this has not been finalised. Please do not confuse the General Serology form with the Convalescent Serology form (this is different collection).

**7. Have I assumed correct in that the blood bottles used for Serology are also for Vaccine effectiveness? Should bloods be taken at the same 3 time points (3-6, 12, 20wks)?**

Yes, the blood bottles are the same for any of our serology collections. The 3-6, 12, and 20 week time-points you are referring to are for a different collection (the Convalescent Serology collection). The time-points for VE the collection is different. We are looking for first sample pre- first Covid vaccine, a second sample around 12 weeks after the first dose (or just before the second dose whenever that may be), and a third sample arounds 3 month / 12 weeks after the second dose.

**8. So we need to keep a record of patients we take sample 1 from so that we can invite them back for 2nd and 3rd samples?**

Yes, that would be very helpful. Alternatively, as suggested in #3 you can run a search on your systems to see who has provided a sample previously. As long as this has been coded (which is why coding is so important).

**9. What if we cannot get 12 weeks sample?**

That is fine. We have accounted for some 'lost to follow up' samples with the reduced targets (5000 + 3000 + 2000). Please sample when you can. It will all contribute to General Serology and Virology surveillance if not specifically for this particular Vaccine Effectiveness collection.