

Date: 09 February 2021

Dear: National Health Laboratory Service Proficiency Testing Schemes Participant;

Re: Sample dispatch dates for 2021/22

Chemical Pathology

Month	Scheme/s due	Shipping week	Results due
April	General Chemistry Blood Gas	6-8/04/2021	30/04/2021
May	General Chemistry Cardiac Markers Therapeutic Drugs Endocrine Beta-Human Chorionic Gonadotropin	6-8/04/2021	28/05/2021
June	General Chemistry Blood Gas	5-6/07/2021	25/06/2021
July	General Chemistry Cardiac Markers Therapeutic Drugs Endocrine C-reactive Protein		30/07/2021
August	General Chemistry Blood Gas Beta-Human Chorionic Gonadotropin		30/07/2021
September	General Chemistry Cardiac Markers Therapeutic Drugs Endocrine C-reactive Protein		27/08/2021
October	General Chemistry Blood Gas		23/09/2021
November	General Chemistry Cardiac Markers Therapeutic Drugs Endocrine Beta-Human Chorionic Gonadotropin		24/09/2021
December	General Chemistry Blood Gas C-reactive Protein		29/10/2021
			26/11/2021
			15/12/2021
			17/12/2021



January	General Chemistry Cardiac Markers Therapeutic Drugs Endocrine		28/01/2022
February	General Chemistry Blood Gas Beta-Human Chorionic Gonadotropin		25/02/2022
March	General Chemistry Cardiac Markers Therapeutic Drugs Endocrine C-reactive Protein		25/03/2022 25/03/2022

Haematology

Automated Differential Count Proficiency Testing Scheme

Survey	Dispatch month	Shipping week	Results due
2021-01	July	1-2/07/2021	16/07/2021
2021-02	September	1-3/09/2021	17/09/2021
2021-03	November	1-4/11/2021	19/11/2021
2021-04	January	3-6/01/2022	21/01/2022

AUTOMATED COAGULATION

Survey number	Dispatch month	Shipping week	Results due date
Survey 01-21	May	3-6 May	28/05/2021
Survey 02-21	July	1-2 July	30/07/2021
Survey 03-21	September	1-3 Sept	24/09/2021
Survey 04-21	November	1-4 Nov	26/11/2021
Survey 05-21	January	3-6 Jan	28/01/2022
Survey 06-21	March	1-3 Mar	25/03/2022

FULL BLOOD COUNT-

Survey number	Dispatch month	Shipping week	Results due date
Survey 01-21	April	6-8 Apr	30/04/2021
Survey 02-21	May	3-6 May	28/05/2021
Survey 03-21	June	1-3 June	26/06/2021
Survey 04-21	July	1-2 July	30/07/2021



Survey 05-21	August	2-5 August	27/08/2021
Survey 06-21	September	1-3 Sept	24/09/2021
Survey 07-21	October	4-7 Oct	29/10/2021
Survey 08-21	November	1-4 Nov	26/11/2021
Survey 09-21	December	1-3 Dec	17/12/2021
Survey 10-21	January	3-6 Jan	28/01/2022
Survey 11-21	February	1-3 Feb	25/02/2022
Survey 12-21	March	1-3 Mar	25/03/2022

D-Dimer Proficiency Testing Scheme

Survey	Dispatch month	Shipping week	Results due
2021-01	April	6-8/04/2021	23/04/2021
2021-02	July	1-2/07/2021	16/07/2021
2021-03	October	4-7/10/2021	22/10/2021
2021-04	January	3-6/01/2022	21/01/2022

ERYTHROCYTE SEDIMENTATION RATE (ESR) frequency 4x

Survey number	Dispatch month	Shipping week	Results due date
Survey 01-21	April	6-8 Apr	30/04/2021
Survey 02-21	July	1-2 July	30/07/2021
Survey 03-21	October	4-7 Oct	29/10/2021
Survey 04-21	January	3-6 Jan	28/01/2022

Immune monitoring CD4 Proficiency Testing Scheme Frequency x6

Survey	Dispatch month	Shipping week	Results due
2021-01	April	6-8/04/2021	23/04/2021
2021-02	June	1-3/06/2021	18/06/2021
2021-03	August	2-5/08/2021	20/08/2021
2021-04	October	4-7/10/2021	22/10/2021
2021-05	December	1-3/12/2021	17/12/2021
2021-06	February	1-3/02/2022	18/02/2022



Immune monitoring CD4 Proficiency Testing Scheme Frequency x3

Survey	Dispatch month	Shipping week	Results due
2021-01	April	6-8/04/2021	23/04/2021
2021-03	August	2-5/08/2021	20/08/2021
2021-05	December	1-3/12/2021	17/12/2021

Morphology and Manual Reticulocyte Count Proficiency Testing Scheme

Survey	Dispatch month	Shipping week	Results due	Peripheral blood slide	Manual Reticulocyte Count slide
2021-01	April	6-8/04/2021	23/04/2021	Yes	
2021-02	May	3-6/05/2021	21/05/2021	Yes	Yes**
2021-03	June	1-3/06/2021	18/06/2021	Yes	
2021-04	July	1-2/07/2021	16/07/2021	Yes	
2021-05	August	2-5/08/2021	20/08/2021	Yes	Yes**
2021-06	September	1-3/09/2021	17/09/2021	Yes	
2021-07	October	4-7/10/2021	22/10/2021	Yes	
2021-08	November	1-4/11/2021	19/11/2021	Yes	Yes**
2021-09	December	1-3/12/2021	17/12/2021	Yes	
2021-10	January	3-6/01/2022	21/01/2022	Yes	
2021-11	February	1-3/02/2022	18/02/2022	Yes	
2021-12	March	1-3/03/2022	18/03/2022	Yes	

****Please note: Dates may change due to availability of material**

Cryptococcal Antigen registered for 6 surveys

Survey	Dispatch	Shipping date (week of)	Results submission
2021-01	April	5-8/04/2021	30-04-2021
2021-02	June	1-3/06/2021	25-06-2021
2021-03	August	2-5/08/2021	27-08-2021
2021-04	October	4-7/10/2021	29-10-2021
2021-05	December	1-3/12/2021	24-12-2021
2022-06	February	1-3/02/2022	25-02-2022

Cryptococcal Antigen registered for 3 surveys

Survey	Dispatch	Shipping date (week of)	Results submission
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2021-01	April	5-8/04/2021	30-04-2021
2021-03	August	2-5/08/2021	27-08-2021
2021-0y	December	1-3/12/2021	24-12-2021

Microbiology

Proficiency Testing Scheme	Shipping dates	Results submission dates			
		Survey 0121	Survey 0221	Survey 0321	Survey 0421
Malaria RDT	6-9 April 2021	30-Apr-21	23-Jul-21	29-Oct-21	21-Jan-22
Specific Treponemal					
HIV EID DNA PCR	3-7 May 2021	28-May-21	27-Aug-21	26-Nov-21	18-Feb-22
HIV Viral Load					
HBsAg Serology	6-9 April 2021	30-Apr-21	23-Jul-21	29-Oct-21	21-Jan-22
Bacteriology	4-8 October 2021				
Mycology Yeast		07-May-21	30-Jul-21	05-Nov-21	28-Jan-22
Mycology Mould					
Non-Treponemal Serology	6-9 April 2021	30-Apr-21	23-Jul-21	29-Oct-21	21-Jan-22
	28 June - 2 July 2021				
Mycobacterium LPA	4-8 October 2021				
	30 Nov - 3 Dec 2021				
HIV Serology	3-7 May 2021	28-May-21	27-Aug-21	26-Nov-21	18-Feb-22
SARS-CoV-2 Molecular	1-5 Nov 2021				
Mycobacterium Microscopy					
Parasitology Stool	3-7 May 2021	28-May-21	27-Aug-21	26-Nov-21	
Parasitology Blood	2-6 August 2021				
	1-5 Nov 2021				
Mycobacterium TB Culture	6-9 April 2021	28-May-21	23-Sep	21-Jan-22	
	2-6 August 2021				
	30 Nov - 3 Dec 2021				