



Folkhälsomyndigheten

False test results from 3,700 Covid-19 tests

Two Swedish laboratories have detected errors in a test used to show whether a person is currently infected with Covid-19. Because of this error, testing has not been able to distinguish between low levels of the Covid-19 virus and negative samples.

Due to this error, around 3,700 people in nine different regions have likely received false positive results. Hence, they have been incorrectly informed that they are infected with Covid-19.

Anyone who has received incorrect test results will be contacted no later than Thursday 27 August and have their test results changed. Since several weeks have passed since the tests were taken, there is no need for re-testing. Those who have received an incorrect response will be offered a free antibody test by their regional healthcare provider. An antibody test may show if you have previously been infected with Covid-19.

If you were tested for Covid-19 and have not been contacted by Thursday 27 August, you can consider your test result to be correct.

A national telephone line has been created that you can contact for more information.

The phone number can be found in the information sent out to anyone who has received a false test result.

[Q&A about false positive Covid-19 tests](#)

Affected regions:

Blekinge

Dalarna

Gävleborg

Stockholm

Sörmland

Västerbotten

Västernorrland

Västmanland

Västra Götaland