

UK NEQAS Microbiology: Distribution Dates April 2025 - March 2026

UK dispatch dates are shown. Specimens for overseas shipments are sent in advance to ensure that participants receive them on or around the UK dispatch date. While every effort is made to adhere to the stated schedule, it may sometimes be necessary to alter the dates of distributions for operational reasons and participants notified.

Dates are displayed in UK date format

AAFB microscopy

07/04/2025
25/08/2025
17/11/2025

Antifungal susceptibility

02/06/2025
22/09/2025
05/01/2026

Anti-HBs detection

07/04/2025
28/07/2025
17/11/2025

Antimicrobial susceptibility

07/04/2025
05/05/2025
02/06/2025
30/06/2025
28/07/2025
25/08/2025
22/09/2025
20/10/2025
17/11/2025
05/01/2026
02/02/2026
02/03/2026

Blood borne virus

05/05/2025
30/06/2025
25/08/2025
20/10/2025
05/01/2026
02/03/2026

Blood donor screen

07/04/2025
02/06/2025
28/07/2025
22/09/2025
17/11/2025
02/02/2026

Blood parasitology

05/05/2025
02/06/2025
28/07/2025
25/08/2025
22/09/2025
17/11/2025
02/02/2026
02/03/2026

Carbapenemase-Producing Organisms

05/05/2025
28/07/2025
20/10/2025
02/02/2026

Clostridioides difficile

02/06/2025
25/08/2025
17/11/2025
02/03/2026

CMV DNA quantification

05/05/2025
05/01/2026

CMV detection*

07/04/25
20/10/25

Community medicine

05/05/2025
28/07/2025
20/10/2025
05/01/2026

Cryptococcal antigen detection

30/06/25
20/10/25
02/03/26

EBV DNA quantification

05/05/2025
05/01/2026

EBV detection*

07/04/2025
20/10/2025

Electronic blood parasitology*

05/05/2025
17/11/2025

Electronic faecal parasitology*

05/05/2025
17/11/2025

Faecal parasitology

05/05/2025
02/06/2025
28/07/2025
25/08/2025
22/09/2025
17/11/2025
02/02/2026
02/03/2026

Faecal pathogens

30/06/2025

Fungal biomarkers

02/06/2025
22/09/2025
02/02/2026

General bacteriology

07/04/2025
05/05/2025
02/06/2025
30/06/2025
28/07/2025

25/08/2025
22/09/2025

20/10/2025
17/11/2025

05/01/2026
02/02/2026

02/03/2026

Genital pathogens

30/06/2025
20/10/2025
02/03/2026

Group B streptococcus screening*

30/06/2025
20/10/2025
02/03/2026

HBV DNA quantification

30/06/2025
17/11/2025

HCV RNA detection

07/04/2025
28/07/2025
05/01/2026

Hepatitis A detection*

07/04/2025
20/10/2025

Hepatitis B serology

05/05/2025
25/08/2025
05/01/2026

Hepatitis C serology

02/06/2025
22/09/2025
02/02/2026

Hepatitis E detection

02/06/2025
22/09/2025
02/03/2026

HIV Point of Care

02/06/2025
25/08/2025
17/11/2025

HIV serology

30/06/2025
17/11/2025
02/03/2026

HIV1 RNA quantification

02/06/2025
22/09/2025
02/03/2026

Malaria Rapid

28/07/2025
02/02/2026

Measles & Mumps IgG serology

05/05/2025
22/09/2025

Molecular detection of *C. trachomatis*/*N. gonorrhoeae*

30/06/2025
20/10/2025
02/02/2026

Molecular detection of faecal parasites

30/06/2025
05/01/2026

Molecular detection of HPV

02/06/2025
22/09/2025
02/02/2026

Molecular detection of malaria

02/06/2025
25/08/2025
17/11/2025
02/03/2026

Molecular detection of mycobacteria

07/04/2025
25/08/2025
17/11/2025

Molecular detection of viruses in CSF

28/07/2025
02/03/2026

Molecular detection of respiratory viruses

05/05/2025
22/09/2025
02/02/2026

Molecular detection of SARS-CoV-2

02/06/2025
25/08/2025
17/11/2025
02/03/2026

MRSA screening

05/05/2025
28/07/2025
20/10/2025

05/01/2026

Mycobacterium culture

07/04/2025
25/08/2025
17/11/2025

Mycology

02/06/2025
22/09/2025
05/01/2026

Parasite serology

07/04/2025
30/06/2025
20/10/2025

05/01/2026

Parvovirus B19 and Rubella serology

28/07/2025
02/02/2026

Respiratory viruses Point of Care

02/06/2025
20/10/2025
02/02/2026

Rubella IgG serology

30/06/2025
05/01/2026

SARS-CoV-2 Sequencing EQA

02/06/2025
25/08/2025
17/11/2025
02/03/2026

Syphilis serology

28/07/2025
02/02/2026

STI multiplex*

28/07/2025
05/01/2026

Toxoplasma serology

07/04/2025
30/06/2025
20/10/2025

05/01/2026

Urinary antigens

05/05/2025
22/09/2025
02/03/2026

Viral gastroenteritis

17/11/2025
02/03/2026
30/06/2025
05/01/2026

*new for 2025-2026