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Re: Updating reporting format anti-SARS-CoV-2 (Roche) results

Dear Colleague,

As SARS-CoV-2 is a novel infection in humans, it is likely that knowledge will develop rapidly in the coming months and guidance may change as more knowledge is acquired. The Royal College of Pathologists (UK)¹ has recommended that serology results should be reported with an interpretive comment and has suggested some comments. In a recent guidance document circulated to Laboratories last month, the use of the terminology **DETECTED** and **NOT DETECTED** is recommended. Based on this guidance, effective Friday 17 July, all results issued will now use this terminology as well as the interpretive comments recommended in that guidance.

Old Anti-Sars-CoV-2 Reporting Format	New Anti-SARS-CoV-2 Reporting Format
"Negative" or "Positive"	"Detected" or "Not Detected"

If you would like additional information regarding this test please do not hesitate to contact us on 1800 303 349 or email us at info@medlabpathology.ie.

Kind regards,



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1. Egner w. Statement from RCPATH's Immunology Specialty Advisory Committee on COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2 antibody evaluation. <https://www.rcpath.org/uploads/assets/194ed03e-9b0a-4f65-8208563290fb848e/3aeb35a1-97d1-4143-92440dc0aa42c5e8/G211-RCPATH-Immunology-SAC-statement-on-COVID-19-SARS-CoV2-antibody-evaluation.pdf>

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