

SURFACE HYGIENE COVID-19 TESTING

Never before has health, safety and wellbeing been so vital to every aspect of our lives. Intertek Protek is the world's first health, safety and wellbeing assurance programme for people, workplaces and public spaces. In a dynamic environment, the Protek programme provides support across all sectors, from manufacturing to retail sites to public places.

As part of Protek, Intertek has launched a new testing service to identify if COVID-19 is present on surfaces in your premises - an essential part of hygiene and safety monitoring for any employer or public venture.

COVID-19 virus transmission

COVID-19 is the common name for SARS-CoV-2. In addition to being highly contagious between humans, it can also be spread from contaminated surfaces through everyday human activity or airborne droplets in building ventilation systems. The virus can remain airborne for up to three hours and survive for several days on some surfaces. As employers across the UK prepare for safely enabling businesses and customers back into their facilities, stringent hygiene standards will become key strategies to address this risk and reassure colleagues and customers alike.

Surface Hygiene Testing Service

Intertek's Surface Hygiene Testing has been developed to help in the prevention

and monitoring of COVID-19 infection. Environmental monitoring of key areas within facilities such as door handles, PIN pads, desks, computers and phones, can assist management to identify necessary action such as isolating areas to allow further cleaning. These decisions are made practicable by the Surface Hygiene Testing process:

- Intertek experts safely take samples on customer sites using stick swabs
- Swabs are transported to the Intertek laboratory where tests are carried out using the preferred methodology of Governments for the detection of SARS-CoV-2 infections in humans (Reverse transcription quantitative polymerase chain reaction or RT-qPCR)
- In remote locations Intertek can mobilise all required testing equipment allowing results to be available on-site and informing remediation where needed
- A combination of testing cleaning efficiency (ATP testing) and targeted COVID testing is advisable. The measurement of ATP concentration in a sample provides a direct measurement of biological concentration, these tests will enable customers to act quickly to protect the safety and hygiene of their premises for employees and customers

A safe and convenient experience with fast results

The samples are taken by Intertek experts on the customer site, adhering to stringent health and safety policy. The holistic approach of ATP and COVID testing allows for a quick assessment to ensure cleaning efforts have been effective and provides a proactive approach to reducing the risk of COVID spreading.


After obtaining the surface swabs, they are processed within hours of receipt in the lab or sampling (in the field), allowing for rapid turnaround of results.

Solutions for a changing world

Based on Intertek's unique approach to total quality, our Protek suite of operational solutions provides your employees and customers with the confidence that their health, safety and wellbeing is your priority. Contact our experts today to discuss how Intertek Protek can support the health, safety and wellbeing of everyone in your organisation.



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