

Invitation to participate in the COVID-19 project TESTING DENMARK

Dear participant,

You are hereby invited to participate in the COVID-19 project 'Testing Denmark'.

'Testing Denmark' is a large national project run in collaboration between experts from the Regions, experts from the universities and Statens Serum Institut. Statens Serum Institut is conducting this survey as part of the above collaboration.

In 'Testing Denmark', we will examine the extent and consequences of illness caused by the coronavirus among citizens in Denmark aged 15 and above for the purpose of strengthening the fight against COVID-19. The survey is also supported by the Danish Health Authority, the Danish Patient Safety Authority, KL - Local Government Denmark and Danish Regions.

This invitation is currently being sent to one million randomly selected citizens in Denmark aged 15 years and above and registered as recipients in e-Boks.

Testing for COVID-19 infection

'Testing Denmark' gathers knowledge about COVID-19 by means of a questionnaire. In connection with the planning of future actions against COVID-19, it is of great importance to have knowledge about how many persons in Denmark have had COVID-19 symptoms, which symptoms they have had, whether there have been any consequential effects (so-called sequelae) and how serious the symptoms have been.

We are also offering a large group of citizens an opportunity to test whether they have been infected with coronavirus. You perform the test yourself in your own home. It can show whether you have formed COVID-19 antibodies. The test is free of charge, and we will send you test material and detailed instructions if you wish to participate.

It is, of course, completely voluntary whether you want to participate in the project.

Questionnaire and registration

The letter in Danish you have received contains a link. Press the link to access your questionnaire. It takes about 15-20 minutes to fill in.

The questionnaire can also be answered by entering <https://surveys.enalyzer.com>

and using the username and password combination stated in the Danish letter.

With the username and password, you can interrupt and then resume your completion of the questionnaire. From 30 September 2020, the questionnaire can also be completed in English.

Register for a test kit

At the bottom of the questionnaire, you will be asked whether you want to test yourself for whether you have developed COVID-19 antibodies. If you register for the test, it is important that you provide a mailing address and an email address in the questionnaire and that you regularly check whether you have received new mail in your mailbox.

Answer the
questionnaire
and receive
a test kit

500,000 antibody tests

Our project comprises 500,000 antibody tests. If you sign up for the antibody test, we will send you a letter in your e-Boks to acknowledge this and a test kit by regular mail to your registered postal address.

Further information.

On the next pages, you can read about how we process personal data and about your rights under the data protection rules.

You can read more about the 'Testing Denmark' project (the Danish project title is 'Vi tester Danmark') on the website:

www.vitesterDanmark.dk

On the website, you can also watch a film about how the antibody test is performed and what the antibody test result may mean for you.

We expect that you will receive the test material by mail in the period from 28 September to 14 October 2020.

We hope that you will participate with your important contribution to the project.

Thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely,

Statens Serum Institut and VI TESTER DENMARK

Information about processing of your personal data

Information about how Statens Serum Institut (SSI) processes personal data about you in connection with the survey 'We are testing Denmark'.

1. We are the data controller – how do you contact us?

Statens Serum Institut (SSI) is the data controller for the processing of the personal data that we process about you in connection with the sending of the invitation to participate in the survey and the subsequent processing of the survey results.

Our contact details are:

Statens Serum Institut
Artillerivej 5
DK-2300 Copenhagen S
CVR no.: 46837428
Tel.: 32683268
Email: serum@ssi.dk

2. Purpose of the processing of your personal data

SSI's public authority tasks, see section 222 of the Danish Health Act (Sundhedsloven), include to participate in the operational emergency response to infectious diseases, for example in the form of supervision and monitoring of infectious diseases. 'We are testing Denmark' is a survey aimed at screening for COVID-19 at national level.

The world is in the midst of a pandemic with a new virus (SARS-CoV-2) and disease (COVID-19). The disease may be serious with a significant risk of hospitalisation, respirator treatment and death, especially among certain risk groups. New knowledge suggests that sequelae may occur, including headache, fatigue, symptoms in the joints and in the lungs. The pandemic is still developing worldwide, and the virus is also still circulating in Denmark.

Despite increasing infection rates, only a small proportion of the population has been infected with COVID-19 and may have developed immunity. The virus may therefore flare up (as we are currently seeing) and spread with a resulting new wave. To control the pandemic in the future, we need management tools that can prevent, with as small interventions as possible, a significant increase in the number of persons infected with coronavirus. This requires detailed knowledge of who are at risk of being infected, who are virus carriers without symptoms and who are at risk of becoming seriously ill.

The survey is also important for acquiring knowledge about sequelae and about the duration of immunity after infection. The survey is therefore being conducted to acquire knowledge about the proportion of persons who have formed SARS-CoV-2 antibodies in the population. In this way, we can obtain knowledge about the degree of herd immunity that is essential in supporting the public health authorities' risk assessment and handling of new large coronavirus outbreaks.

3. Categories of personal data and the lawfulness of processing of your personal data

We process the following categories of personal data about you:

- Common, non-sensitive personal data, including:
 - Name
 - Address
 - Email address
- Common, confidential personal data, including:
 - Civil registration (CPR) number
- Sensitive personal data:
 - Health data in the form of:
 - answer to whether you have been infected with COVID-19 (result of any antibody test)

If you answer the questionnaire, we will also process your answers to the questions. The data we process in this connection will depend on your answers to the questions.

In addition to the above data, SSI will – through public registries – obtain additional personal data about you, for example age, gender and socio-economic background. SSI will do this when it is necessary for SSI's work and measures aimed at monitoring and preventing the spread of COVID-19.

It is generally SSI's task to monitor and fight the spread of disease, see section 222 of the Danish Health Act¹.

We thus process your personal data in accordance with Article 6 (1)(e) of the General Data Protection Regulation², as the processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in SSI. Furthermore, we process your personal data in accordance with Article 9(2)(h) and (i), as the processing is necessary for the purpose of disease prevention and for reasons of public interest in the area of public health.

We process your civil registration (CPR) number in accordance with section 11³ of the Danish Data Protection Act (Databeskyttelsesloven)¹, as the processing is necessary to enable us to identify you clearly.

4. Recipients or categories of recipients

The data may be disclosed to research projects of significant public importance, provided that relevant authorisations have been obtained and the applicable legislation has been complied with. Such disclosure may be made pursuant to section 10 of the Danish Data Protection Act.

SSI uses data processors, including the Capital Region of Denmark and the Danish Health Data Authority, to process personal data on our behalf. We have entered into data processing agreements with our data processors and supervise the data processors' compliance with the data processing agreements in accordance with the applicable rules.

5. Transfer to recipients in third countries, including international organisations

SSI does not transfer personal data to recipients outside the EU and EEA.

6. Sources of your personal data

We have received information about your civil registration number from the CPR Register. In addition, we receive information from you. We may also receive further data about you, for example age, gender and socio-economic background, from public registers, when this is found necessary for SSI's work with and initiatives aimed at monitoring and preventing the spread of COVID-19 infection.

7. Storage of your personal data

The questionnaires, your civil registration number and the result of any antibody test will be stored for as long as this is necessary for the performance of the survey. The data will then be erased or anonymised.

¹ Consolidation Act no. 903 of 26 August 2019 to consolidate the Danish Health Act, as amended.

² Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation) (EEA-relevant text).

³ Act no. 502 of 23 May 2018 on supplementary rules to the Regulation on protection of natural persons in connection with the processing of personal data and the free exchange of such data.

8. Your rights

Under the General Data Protection Regulation, you have a number of rights in relation to our processing of data about you. Please contact SSI to exercise your rights, preferably via e-Boks.

Right to access data (right of access)

You have a right to see the data we process about you as well as a number of additional information.

Right to rectification (correction)

You have the right to have inaccurate data about you corrected.

Right to erasure

In exceptional cases, you have the right to have data about you erased before we normally erase such data.

Right to restriction of processing

In some cases, you have the right to have the processing of your personal data restricted. If you have the right to restriction of our processing, this means that, in future, we may only process the data – with the exception of storage – with your consent or for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims or for the protection of the rights of another natural or legal person or for reasons of important public interest.

In certain cases, you have the right to object to our otherwise lawful processing of your personal data.

You can read more about your rights in the Danish Data Protection Agency's guide on the rights of data subjects, which you can find at www.datatilsynet.dk.

9. The Data Protection Officer's contact details

If you have any questions about our processing of your data, you are always welcome to contact the Danish Ministry of Health's joint Data Protection Officer, Helle Ginnerup-Nielsen.

You can contact our Data Protection Officer in the following ways:

By email: databeskyttelse@sum.dk

By letter: Holbergsgade 6, DK-1057 Copenhagen K, attn. 'Data Protection Officer' (databeskyttelsesrådgiver)

10. Lodging a complaint with the Danish Data Protection Agency

You have the right to lodge a complaint with the Danish Data Protection Agency if you are dissatisfied with the way we process your personal data. You can find the Danish Data Protection Agency's contact details on www.datatilsynet.dk.