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UK NEQAS for Microbiology: Distribution Dates, April 2026 - March 2027

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, participants will be notified.

Dates the UK dispatch dates and displayed in UK date format (overseas participants have their EQA dispatched one week earlier to account for travel)

Also see website link to distribution dispatch and closing dates: <https://ukneqasmicro.org.uk/participant-info/distribution-dispatch-and-closing-dates/>

AAFB microscopy	Faecal parasitology	Molecular detection of faecal parasites
06/04/2026	04/05/2026	29/06/2026
24/08/2026	01/06/2026	04/01/2027
16/11/2026	27/07/2026	Molecular detection of HPV
Antifungal susceptibility	24/08/2026	01/06/2026
01/06/2026	21/09/2026	21/09/2026
21/09/2026	16/11/2026	01/02/2027
04/01/2027	01/02/2027	Molecular detection of malaria
Anti-HBs detection	01/03/2027	01/06/2026
06/04/2026	Faecal pathogens	24/08/2026
27/07/2026	29/06/2026	16/11/2026
16/11/2026	Fungal biomarkers	01/03/2027
Antimicrobial susceptibility	01/06/2026	Molecular detection of mycobacteria
06/04/2026	21/09/2026	06/04/2026
04/05/2026	01/02/2027	24/08/2026
01/06/2026	General bacteriology	16/11/2026
29/06/2026	06/04/2026	Molecular detection of viruses in CSF
27/07/2026	04/05/2026	27/07/2026
24/08/2026	01/06/2026	01/03/2027
21/09/2026	29/06/2026	Molecular detection of respiratory viruses
19/10/2026	27/07/2026	04/05/2026
16/11/2026	24/08/2026	21/09/2026
04/01/2027	21/09/2026	01/02/2027
01/02/2027	19/10/2026	Molecular detection of SARS-CoV-2
01/03/2027	16/11/2026	01/06/2026
Blood borne virus	04/01/2027	24/08/2026
04/05/2026	01/02/2027	16/11/2026
29/06/2026	01/03/2027	01/03/2027
24/08/2026	Genital pathogens	MRSA screening
19/10/2026	29/06/2026	04/05/2026
04/01/2027	19/10/2026	27/07/2026
01/03/2027	01/03/2027	19/10/2026
Blood donor screen	Group B streptococcus screening	04/01/2027
06/04/2026	29/06/2026	Mycobacterium culture
01/06/2026	19/10/2026	06/04/2026
27/07/2026	01/03/2027	24/08/2026
21/09/2026	HBV DNA quantification	16/11/2026
16/11/2026	29/06/2026	Mycology
01/02/2027	16/11/2026	01/06/2026
Blood parasitology	HCV RNA detection	21/09/2026
04/05/2026	06/04/2026	04/01/2027
01/06/2026	27/07/2026	Parasite serology
27/07/2026	04/01/2027	06/04/2026
24/08/2026	Helicobacter pylori*	29/06/2026
21/09/2026	29/06/2026	19/10/2026
16/11/2026	21/09/2026	04/01/2027
01/02/2027	01/02/2027	Parvovirus B19 and rubella serology
01/03/2027	Hepatitis A detection	27/07/2026
Carbapenemase-producing organisms	06/04/2026	01/02/2027
04/05/2026	19/10/2026	Respiratory viruses Point of Care
27/07/2026	Hepatitis B serology	01/06/2026
19/10/2026	04/05/2026	19/10/2026
01/02/2027	24/08/2026	01/02/2027
Clostridioides difficile	04/01/2027	Rubella IgG serology
01/06/2026	Hepatitis C serology	29/06/2026
24/08/2026	01/06/2026	04/01/2027
16/11/2026	21/09/2026	SARS-CoV-2 sequencing EQA
01/03/2027	01/02/2027	01/06/2026
CMV DNA quantification	Hepatitis E detection	24/08/2026
04/05/2026	01/06/2026	16/11/2026
04/01/2027	21/09/2026	01/03/2027
CMV detection	01/03/2027	Syphilis serology
06/04/2026	HIV Point of Care	27/07/2026
19/10/2026	01/06/2026	01/02/2027
Community medicine	24/08/2026	STI multiplex
04/05/2026	16/11/2026	27/07/2026
27/07/2026	01/03/2027	04/01/2027
19/10/2026	HIV serology	Toxoplasma serology
04/01/2027	29/06/2026	06/04/2026
Cryptococcal antigen detection	16/11/2026	29/06/2026
29/06/2026	01/03/2027	19/10/2026
19/10/2026	HIV1 RNA quantification	04/01/2027
01/03/2027	01/06/2026	Urinary antigens
EBV DNA quantification	21/09/2026	04/05/2026
04/05/2026	01/03/2027	21/09/2026
04/01/2027	Malaria rapid	01/03/2027
EBV detection	27/07/2026	Viral gastroenteritis
06/04/2026	01/02/2027	16/11/2026
19/10/2026	Measles & mumps IgG serology	01/03/2027
Electronic blood parasitology	04/05/2026	VZV serology
04/05/2026	21/09/2026	29/06/2026
16/11/2026	Molecular detection of C. trachomatis / N. gonorrhoeae	04/01/2027
Electronic faecal parasitology	29/06/2026	
04/05/2026	19/10/2026	
16/11/2026	01/02/2027	

*new for 2026-2027