

Rapid Antibody Testing Kit used by Monaco Government in a campaign to test the entire population

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The Red Cross test employees and dancers from the Ballet de Monte-Carlo using MEDsan's rapid antibody testing kits

The Monaco government is planning to conduct 90,000 COVID-19 antibody tests in a campaign to test its entire population. Positive people will then be quarantined. Out of a thousand people already tested, less than 2% have been infected with the virus.

On Thursday 14th May, **Didier Gamerdinger**, government minister of Social Affairs & Health, hosted a press conference in which he presented his plans to test the 90,000 residents and employees of the Principality. ***"We will offer all of these two populations rapid tests to find out, in ten minutes, whether or not they have been in contact with the virus. Our theoretical capacity is 4,000 people tested per day."***

The testing campaign is on a voluntary basis, and residents have been encouraged to take the test which will be paid for by the government. The results are given to patients immediately and recorded on a confidential database. The vast campaign will make it possible to assess the status of the entire population.

The campaign is already underway. **Last week employees including dancers from the Ballets de Monte-Carlo were tested by volunteers from the Monaco Red Cross, using MEDsan's rapid antibody test.** *"This allows us to consider, in a second step, the total or partial resumption of the artistic activity of the company and its fifty choreographic artists"* said a spokesperson from the ballet.

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On the reliability of the antibody tests, **Didier Gernerding** explained “We considered that if the tests were not of good enough quality, it was useless. We had the tests tested. **Regarding MEDsan’s tests, they have been tested in the laboratory, at the CHPG (French College of General Hospital Pneumologists) and in Cannes.**”

MEDsan’s rapid antibody tests are manufactured in Germany and **have a clinical sensitivity of 96.88% and a specificity of 100%**. So far, **MEDsan** has provided Monaco with 50,000 tests via the Red Cross.

In the UK, **MEDsan’s tests** are still under review with the UK government. Rapid antibody testing remains the only practical option in which to test large volumes of population or employees at once. The tests can be undertaken anywhere, results are given within a few minutes, and the data is therefore correct at that point in time, as opposed to serology antibody testing conducted in a hospital environment, where there is often a wait of several days for results. **Rapid antibody tests are available for UK businesses to use now and could hold the key to unlocking the UK economy and getting businesses back to work safely.**



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