



## Mehiläinen to expand coronavirus testing through international cooperation

In the service message of 13 March, we mentioned that we perform coronavirus testing for occupational health care customers in the social welfare and health care sector, and other groups according to the criteria defined by the Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare (THL) on the basis of a doctor's referral. We also mentioned that we would add the possibility of COVID-19 testing to all occupational health care agreements that include medical care services.

We have investigated the possibilities of increasing testing capacity and expanding testing. International precedents and the recommendations of WHO indicate that increasing the capacity for testing plays a key role in resolving the crisis caused by the coronavirus. **For these reasons, in co-operation with a broad-based Finnish coalition, Mehiläinen will considerably expand Finland's COVID-19 testing capacity.** Capacity will be increased by setting up an air transport connection to South Korea for samples. South Korea is one of the countries that has, for the time being, succeeded in controlling the coronavirus epidemic through broad-based testing, isolation of infected cases, and successful tracking of infection chains. Further information is available in our [press release](#).

The increase in capacity will also involve better possibilities for testing for our occupational health customers. The testing will comply with the criteria defined by the Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare (THL) and WHO, and based on a doctor's assessment, patients suffering from a respiratory tract infection with symptoms indicative of a COVID-19 infection will be tested.

The need for testing will be assessed on the basis of a medical needs assessment by Mehiläinen Digital Clinic or by a special respiratory tract infection clinic. The price of the test is 249€ and the samples are analysed in cooperation with an international partner laboratory. Mehiläinen's drive-in testing stations that focus on COVID-19 samples and respiratory tract infection clinics around Finland will be responsible for taking the samples. See the testing stations on our [website](#). The results will be available approximately 48 hours after taking the samples. The possibility of COVID-19 testing is still included in all occupational health care agreements with Mehiläinen that include medical care services. If you prefer to prohibit the testing, please inform us by sending email to: [tt-sopimustiimi@mehilainen.fi](mailto:tt-sopimustiimi@mehilainen.fi).

For more information about the COVID-19 epidemic, see our [website](#), contact your contact person or send a message to [yrityspaattajat@mehilainen.fi](mailto:yrityspaattajat@mehilainen.fi).

**Kind regards,  
Mehiläinen Working Life Services**

\*this is a service message for our corporate customers

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