

BLOOD TESTS

Opening times

All blood test centres are closed on Bank Holidays, and last tickets will be issued 15 minutes prior to closing time stated.

Basildon University Hospital, Nethermayne, Basildon, Essex, SS16 5NL

Basildon Hospital offers blood test appointments.

These can be booked on line https://www.swiftqueue.co.uk/pre_timescreen.php?id=10174

Monday - Thursday, 7am - 6.40pm.

- Friday 7am - 4.40pm.
- Saturday 8.05am - 10.40am PRE-BOOKED APPOINTMENT ONLY

If you are unable to access the online booking system, you can book a blood test appointment by calling 01702 422555.

Blood tests for children

The following clinics will see children:

- St. Andrews Centre, Billericay will see children aged 16 and over
- Orsett Hospital blood test department will see children aged 11 and over
- Basildon Hospital blood test department will see children aged 11 and over

For children aged 0-10 years, please attend the children's outpatient department at Basildon Hospital.

Basildon University Hospital, children's outpatient department, Nethermayne, Basildon, Essex, SS16 5NL

This is a drop in service, sited near the maternity unit.

Opening times are: Wednesday 9.30am -4pm and Thursday 11.30am - 4pm

For all enquiries, please contact **01268 524900 ext 8167**

Orsett Hospital, Rowley Road, Orsett, Essex, RM16 3EU

Monday – Friday, 7am - 3.45pm (walk-in) – no children after 3pm. A limited number of walk in appointments are available.

St Andrew's Centre, Billericay, CM12 0BH

Monday – Friday, 7.15am - 11am BY PRE-BOOKED APPOINTMENT ONLY. To book an appointment, please call 01268 242159

Monday – Friday, 11am - 1pm walk-in service – please arrive no earlier than 11am to avoid overcrowding and to limit your waiting time (please be aware walk-in slots will no longer be available from 1 November 2016).

Outreach Clinics

Please be aware that blood tests at outreach clinics are for people aged 16 years and over.

Laindon Health Centre

Monday – Friday, 10.30am -12.30pm (Maximum of 35 patients – Walk-In)

Wickford Health Centre

Monday 1.30pm - 3.15pm (PRE-BOOKED APPOINTMENT ONLY. To book an appointment, please call 01268 242159)

Tuesday and Thursday, 10am - 11.45am (PRE-BOOKED APPOINTMENT ONLY. To book an appointment, please call 01268 242159)

Contact

Phlebotomy (Blood Test) Reception, Basildon University Hospital

Telephone: 01268 524900 ext 3447

Phlebotomy (Blood Test) Reception, Orsett Hospital

Telephone: 01268 524900 ext 2200

Children's outpatients: Children aged 0-10 years need to attend the children's outpatient department at Basildon Hospital. For all queries, please call Children's Outpatients 01268 524900 ext 8167.

Additional information

Waiting times

The busiest time for blood tests is in the morning, as this is when the majority of patients who need to fast before their blood test attend. If you do not need to fast before your test, you may want to attend after 11am, when waiting times are likely to be shorter.

Fasting patients

Patients who have been requested to have a fasting blood test should not eat or drink anything, other than plain water, for 10 hours before attending for their blood test (unless advised otherwise by their clinician for any medical reason, e.g. diabetes).

Specialised tests

Some specialised tests can only be undertaken at the main phlebotomy clinic at Basildon University Hospital. Your doctor should advise you of this, but if in doubt please contact Phlebotomy Reception at Basildon University Hospital for advice.