

Volvat Medical Centre prepares for 3000 corona tests a week in collaboration with Oslo municipality

On Tuesday, 25 August, we will start testing at Volvat Majorstua. This significantly improves the testing offer to Oslo's residents. Oslo municipality is working systematically to be able to test 1.5 per cent of its population every week.

Since April, Volvat has had an agreement with four districts in Oslo to operate an outpatient fever clinic. Last week, Volvat and Oslo municipality agreed to increase the testing capacity to 3000 patients per week. Oslo municipality has taken responsibility and invited the private health service to a joint effort to achieve the national objective. Testing is important to monitor and limit the spread of COVID-19.

- At Volvat, we are very happy to be shown this trust and to have the opportunity to contribute to a demanding situation. The agreement provides those who need it the opportunity to be tested, and Oslo municipality will get closer to its goal of a test capacity of 1.5 per cent. We are also ready to increase additional capacity if needed, says Per Helge Fagermoen, CEO of Volvat Medical Centre.

A testing tent is being rigged up at Volvat Majorstuen in Oslo today. The tent is set up in a separate area in our large parking lot. It has been important for us to find a solution that does not affect other operations so that it should be safe for all our patients to come to us and that other patients get the health care they need when they need it.

Organising the testing

Oslo municipality assists with patient lists and tests are ordered via Oslo municipality's websites. All tests ordered on this website are covered by the municipality. Volvat is one of several test centres, and which test centre the individual is referred to is determined by the municipality.

In addition to collaborating with Oslo municipality, Volvat offers corona tests in Oslo, Bergen and Fredrikstad.

The national test capacity target

The Norwegian Directorate of Health has set a target for municipalities in the current infection situation to have the capacity to test 1.5 per cent of the population within one week. The Norwegian Directorate of Health has also asked municipalities to prepare to increase capabilities quickly if we get into a situation of increasing infection. This has put pressure on the country's municipalities to gear up their test capacity quickly. This means that the municipalities have had to re-rig and rethink.

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About Volvat Medical Centre AS

Volvat Medical Centre AS was established in 1985 and is Norway's first privately owned hospital. Today, the Volvat Group is one of the country's leading private health companies for patients across the country.

Volvat has 20 centres located in Oslo, Fredrikstad, Moss, Hamar, Lillehammer, Bergen, Trondheim and Tromsø. The centres have a wide range of medical services ranging from health-promoting and preventive work to treatment and rehabilitation. Volvat has hospital approval in Oslo, Fredrikstad, Bergen, Trondheim and Tromsø.

Volvat is owned by Ramsay Health, which also operates large hospitals and medical centres in Sweden, Denmark, France, the United Kingdom, Italy, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia and Australia.

Volvat's quality strategy is based on the group's vision "Always to help", which forms the foundation of the company, rooted in modern medicine and modern management. Volvat is uncompromising when it comes to patient safety, quality of delivery and continuous improvement of all services. Therefore, all clinical departments are ISO-certified according to the quality standard 9001: 2015 and the environmental standard 14001: 2015.

Per Helge Fagermoen is Volvat's Chief Executive Officer.