

What Your Test Results Mean

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If you test positive for COVID-19

TAKE STEPS TO HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19



STAY HOME.

Do not leave your home, except to get medical care. Do not visit public areas.



STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOUR DOCTOR.



GET REST AND STAY HYDRATED.

Take over-the-counter medicines, such as acetaminophen, to help you feel better.



SEPARATE YOURSELF FROM OTHER PEOPLE.

As much as possible, stay in a specific room and away from other people and pets in your home.

If you test negative for COVID-19

- You probably were not infected at the time your sample was collected.
- However, that does not mean you will not get sick.
- It is possible that you were very early in your infection when your sample was collected and that you could test positive later.

A negative test result does not mean you won't get sick later.



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