

What Your Test Results Mean

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If you test **positive** for COVID-19

TAKE STEPS TO PROTECT OTHERS REGARDLESS OF YOUR COVID-19 VACCINATION STATUS



STAY HOME

Isolate at home for at least 5 days. Stay in a specific room and away from other people. Wear a well-fitting mask around others for 10 days.



STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOUR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER

Contact your health care provider soon after a positive test to determine if you are eligible for treatments.



ENDING ISOLATION

You can end isolation after 5 days if you are fever-free for 24 hours without using medications to reduce fever, and your symptoms have improved. Continue to wear a well-fitting mask around others for 5 more days.



CONTACT YOUR DOCTOR OR HEALTH DEPARTMENT ABOUT ISOLATION IF YOU

- Are severely ill or have a weakened immune system.
- Had a positive test result followed by a negative result.
- Test positive for many weeks.

If you test **negative** for COVID-19:

- The virus was not detected.

If you have **symptoms** of COVID-19:

- You may have received a false negative test result and still might have COVID-19.
- Isolate from others.

If you were exposed to COVID-19 and are **NOT** up to date on COVID-19 vaccinations:

- Quarantine for 5 full days, wear a well-fitting mask around others, and get tested at least 5 days after exposure.

If you were exposed to COVID-19 and are up to date on COVID-19 vaccinations:

- No quarantine is needed unless you develop symptoms. Get tested at least 5 days after exposure.

If you were exposed to COVID-19 and you had confirmed COVID-19 within the past 90 days:

- No quarantine is needed unless you develop symptoms.

