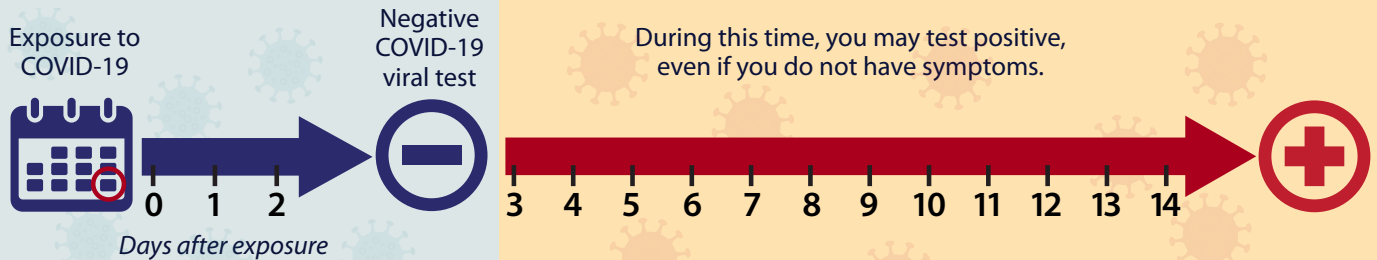


COVID-19 Testing: What You Need to Know

FACT Your COVID-19 test can be negative even if you are infected.

FACT Most people do not test positive for the virus until days *after* exposure. You may also be exposed to the virus *after you are tested* and then get infected.



KEY Facts about COVID-19 Testing

FACT



You may need to get tested even if you do not have symptoms.

You can have COVID-19 and spread it to others even if you do not have symptoms.

FACT



A positive antibody test means you likely had COVID-19 some time in the past.

An antibody test will not show if you currently have COVID-19 because it can take 1-3 weeks after infection for your body to make antibodies.

FACT



You CAN be infected again, even if you have antibodies for the virus that causes COVID-19.

We do not yet know how much protection the antibodies provide or how long this protection lasts.

Learn more about COVID-19 testing here:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/testing.html>.



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