

# WHAT DO THE TEST RESULTS MEAN?

Here are some important things to know about getting test results as part of the TEST US research study instead of from a healthcare provider. If you join the research study, please keep this information on hand to help you understand your test results.

Below are possible results and what you should do if you receive that result.

### **Positive**

A **positive** result means the test detected the virus in your sample.

#### You should:

- Isolate yourself from others for 10 days from the test date if possible.
- Contact a healthcare provider and share your result. They may want to do a follow-up test.

## **Negative**

A **negative** result means the test did not detect the virus in your sample.

#### You should:

- Watch for symptoms of COVID-19.
- If you develop symptoms, isolate yourself and contact a healthcare provider.

## No Result

Sometimes a test cannot be completed successfully, and there is **no result**.

#### You should:

- Watch for symptoms of COVID-19.
- If you develop symptoms, isolate yourself and contact a healthcare provider.

If you do not have a healthcare provider, please call insert local number or delete sentence to establish care.

Even if you test negative, you may still be infected with COVID-19. This is because a negative test result can be wrong.

It is also possible to develop COVID-19 any time after you take the test.

Everyone should take steps to stop the spread of the virus and to seek care if symptoms develop.

- Wear a mask that covers your mouth and nose
- Wash your hands often
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Stay at least 6 feet from other people

# People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

This list does not include all possible symptoms. CDC will update its list of symptoms as it learns more about COVID-19. For additional information, visit the Centers for Disease Control website: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

If you develop symptoms or feel you are at risk of COVID-19, you may want to seek additional health care advice.