

# 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.

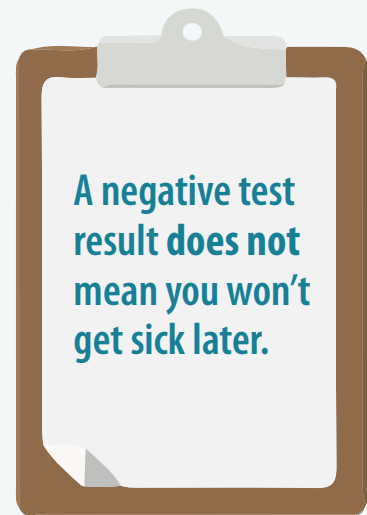


### SEPARATE YOURSELF FROM OTHER PEOPLE.

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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