What Your Test Results Mean

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.
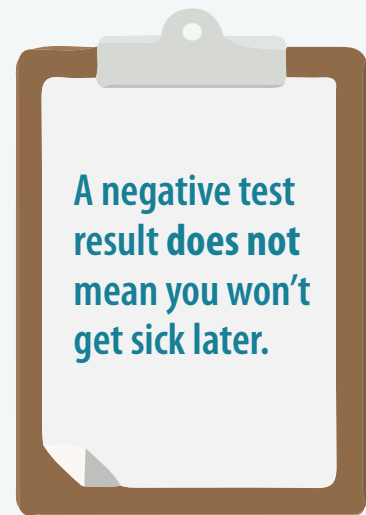
SEPARATE YOURSELF FROM OTHER PEOPLE.
As much as possible, stay in a specific room and away from other people and pets in your home.

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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