



## Coronavirus (COVID-19) Return to Work Program - Results Content (PCR and Antibody Qual)

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## **PCR Test Overview**

This test checks for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes coronavirus disease (also called COVID-19), a respiratory illness.

## **Positive / Presumptive Positive PCR Results**

Your results detect SARS-CoV-2. A positive test means that you are infected with COVID-19.

Most people with COVID-19 have mild symptoms. You can pass the infection to others through coughing, sneezing, and exhaling, even if you have no symptoms. It is very important to stay home and limit your interaction with others in your household and in public.

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## **Next Steps**

- It's important to share your results with your healthcare provider. You may be eligible for antibody therapy to treat mild-to-moderate symptoms of COVID-19. Be sure to speak with your healthcare provider to determine whether or not you need treatment based on your medical history. Together, you can figure out next steps and create a plan that's right for you.
- Whether you are an employee or a household contact of an employee, contact the employer this test was offered through. The employer can help you determine when to return to work and figure out next steps to keep you and others around you healthy.
- Continue to monitor your symptoms closely. Seek medical attention right away if you experience serious symptoms.
- You may receive a call from a representative from the Department of Health (DOH) for contact tracing purposes. It may be helpful to start thinking about the people you have spent time with, beginning two days before your symptoms started (or if you don't have symptoms, two days before you had your test). If you have additional questions, please contact your local health department or visit the [CDC website](#).
- If you have questions about this test or your results, you can speak to a board-certified, PWNHealth healthcare provider at no additional cost. The healthcare provider can answer any questions you may have and help determine next steps in your care. To schedule your session, please call the PWNHealth Care Coordination Team at 315-401-7865, Monday-Sunday, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Eastern Time, or email [covid19@pwnhealth.com](mailto:covid19@pwnhealth.com).
- For additional information on how you can prevent, treat, or help fight COVID-19, visit <https://combatcovid.hhs.gov>.

## **PCR Test Overview**

This test checks for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes coronavirus disease (also called COVID-19), a respiratory illness.

## **Negative PCR Results**

Your results do not detect SARS-CoV-2. A negative test means that the virus was not present in the sample you provided.

Your results suggest you were negative at the time of testing.\*

\*Although the possibility is low, a false negative result should be considered if you have had recent exposure to the virus along with symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

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## **Next Steps**

- The best way to protect yourself from COVID-19 is to get vaccinated. Vaccinations are effective and help protect you and others from getting very sick from the virus.
- Whether you are an employee or a household contact of an employee, contact the employer this test was offered through. The employer can help you to figure out next steps to keep you and others around you healthy.
- The decision to return to work should be determined by the employer based on a number of factors, including symptoms and ongoing risk of spreading the virus to others.
- Continue to monitor for symptoms, and follow federal, state, and local government guidance regarding social distancing.
- If an employee or household contact develops symptoms, contact the employer right away to decide on next steps. Seek immediate medical attention if you experience serious symptoms.
- If you have questions about this test or your results, you can contact the PWNHealth Care Coordination Team at 315-401-7865, Monday-Sunday, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Eastern Time, or email [covid19@pwnhealth.com](mailto:covid19@pwnhealth.com). You can also leave a message after hours and a PWNHealth team member will call you back as soon as possible.
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## **PCR Test Overview**

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### ***Indeterminate PCR Results***

Your results are indeterminate for SARS-CoV-2. An indeterminate result means that it is neither positive nor negative. You need to be retested in order to confirm whether or not you are infected.

This result can occur if you test too soon from the time you were exposed to the virus. It can also occur if there was a problem with how the sample was collected or the test itself.

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### ***Next Steps***

- The best way to protect yourself from COVID-19 is to get vaccinated. Vaccinations are effective and help protect you and others from getting very sick from the virus.
- Whether you are an employee or a household contact of an employee, contact the employer this test was offered through. The employer can help you to figure out next steps to keep you and others around you healthy while you wait to get retested.
- Continue to monitor for symptoms, and follow federal, state, and local government guidance regarding social distancing.
- If an employee or household contact develops symptoms, contact the employer right away to decide on next steps. Seek immediate medical attention if you experience serious symptoms.
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## **PCR Test Overview**

This test checks for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes coronavirus disease (also called COVID-19), a respiratory illness.

## **DNR, Invalid, QNS, TNP PCR Results**

Your test could not be completed. You need to provide another sample in order to confirm whether or not you have COVID-19.

This result can occur if there was a problem with how the sample was collected or transported, or issues with the test itself.

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## **Next Steps**

- The best way to protect yourself from COVID-19 is to get vaccinated. Vaccinations are effective and help protect you and others from getting very sick from the virus.
- Whether you are an employee or a household contact of an employee, contact the employer this test was offered through. The employer can help you to figure out next steps to keep you and others around you healthy while you wait to get retested.
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## ***Antibody Test Overview***

This test checks for antibodies to COVID-19. Your body produces antibodies as part of your immune response after exposure to the virus or vaccination.

## ***Positive Antibody Results***

Your results are positive. This means antibodies were detected in the sample you provided.

Your results suggest that you've been exposed to SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19)\* or have been vaccinated. **Antibodies typically suggest protective immunity from further infection. However, evidence is still being collected to determine if antibodies provide protective immunity against SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) specifically.**

*\* If you have been previously diagnosed with or exposed to other types of coronaviruses, like the virus that causes the common cold, there is a possibility of a false positive. There is also a possibility of a false positive if it's unlikely you had SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) based on your exposure history or symptoms.*

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## ***Next Steps***

- Because this test only determines whether you have antibodies against SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19), contact your employer about your next steps. Follow your employer's guidance regarding ways to protect others from being infected with COVID-19.
- The decision to return to work should be determined by you and your employer based on a number of factors, including symptoms and ongoing risk of spreading the virus to others.
- Share these results with your healthcare provider, who can answer any questions you may have about your specific situation.
- Due to the lack of evidence to support protective immunity, if you are exposed, monitor for symptoms of COVID-19. If you develop symptoms, contact your employer right away to determine next steps. If you develop severe or concerning symptoms, seek medical attention right away.
- Be sure to continue to follow federal, state, and local government guidance regarding social distancing and COVID-19 safety precautions.
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## ***FDA Disclaimers***

- This test has not been reviewed by the FDA.

- Negative results do not rule out SARS-CoV-2 infection, particularly in those who have been in contact with the virus. Follow-up testing with a molecular diagnostic should be considered to rule out infection in these individuals.
- Results from antibody testing should not be used as the sole basis to diagnose or exclude SARS-CoV-2 infection or to inform infection status.
- Positive results may be due to past or present infection with non-SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus strains, such as coronavirus HKU1, NL63, OC43, or 229E.

## ***Antibody Test Overview***

This test checks for antibodies to COVID-19. Your body produces antibodies as part of your immune response after exposure to the virus or vaccination.

## ***Negative Antibody Results***

Your results are negative. This means antibodies were not detected in the sample you provided.

Your results suggest that you were not exposed to SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) or have not yet developed antibodies\* after infection or vaccination. It could also mean that your antibody levels have declined if you were exposed in the past. **Although not having antibodies suggests that you may still be able to get COVID-19, there is not enough evidence at this time to determine whether or not you are at risk. In the future, if you believe you are exposed to someone with COVID-19, testing with a molecular test (PCR) should be considered to check for active infection.**

*\* If you were recently exposed to someone with COVID-19, previously had symptoms of COVID-19, or have been vaccinated, there is a possibility of a false negative. If you test too soon, your body may not have produced enough antibodies to be detected by the test yet. If that is the case, retesting may be needed. It is important to note that some individuals, such as those with weakened immune systems, may not develop detectable levels of antibodies after exposure or vaccination.*

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## ***Next Steps***

- Because this test only determines whether you have antibodies against SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19), contact your employer about your next steps. Follow your employer's guidance regarding ways to protect others from being infected with COVID-19.
- The decision to return to work should be determined by you and your employer based on a number of factors, including symptoms and ongoing risk of spreading the virus to others.
- Because your test came back negative, if you become exposed to COVID-19, monitor for symptoms of COVID-19. If you develop symptoms, contact your employer right away to decide on next steps. If you develop severe or concerning symptoms, seek medical attention right away.
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## ***Indeterminate Antibody Results***

Your results are indeterminate. This means that the results were neither positive nor negative. You will need to be retested in order to confirm whether or not you have antibodies to COVID-19.

An indeterminate result can happen if you do not have enough antibodies for the test to detect, such as if you test too soon after becoming infected. This result can also happen if there was a problem with your sample or the test itself.

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## ***Next Steps***

- Contact your employer about getting another test and what to do while you wait to get retested. You should follow your employer's guidance regarding ways to protect yourself and others from being infected with SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19).
- Due to the lack of evidence to support protective immunity, if you are exposed, monitor for symptoms of COVID-19. If you develop symptoms, contact your employer right away to determine next steps. If you develop severe or concerning symptoms, seek medical attention right away.
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