

Antibody Test Overview

This test checks for antibodies to COVID-19. Your body makes antibodies as part of the immune response to the virus.

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*. **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, or previously had symptoms of COVID-19, 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.*

Next Steps

- It's important to share your results with your healthcare provider. Together, you can figure out next steps and create a plan that's right for you.
- Because your test came back negative, if you are exposed to COVID-19 or develop symptoms, follow-up with your healthcare provider.
- The results of this test should not be used to determine if you are eligible to return to work. If you have questions about your ability to return to work, please contact your employer or the department of health for guidance on appropriate testing and work safety.
- Be sure to continue to follow federal, state, and local government guidance regarding social distancing and COVID-19 safety precautions.
- 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 us at covid19@pwnhealth.com. You can also leave a message after hours and a PWNHealth team member will call you back as soon as possible.

FDA Disclaimers

- This test has not been approved 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.