

Antibody Test Overview

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

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)*. **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, there is a possibility of a false positive. There is also a possibility of a false positive if it's unlikely you had COVID-19 based on your exposure history or symptoms.*

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.
- Due to the lack of evidence to support protective immunity, if you are exposed, monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 and 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.