COVID-19

Understanding what a positive COVID-19 test result means

The COVID-19 test detects if the virus is in your nose or mouth.

It is important that you understand what it means if your COVID-19 test is positive.

By law, you must self-isolate for at least 10 days after the test, even if you do not have any symptoms.

If you get any symptoms, you must stay in self-isolation for 10 days after your symptoms appear.

Anyone who has been in close contact with you must also, by law, self-isolate for at least 14 days and watch for symptoms.

Very rarely, the COVID-19 test is falsely positive. This means you do not have the virus and you cannot pass it to anyone. There is no way to tell if a false positive result is wrong.

By taking the self-assessment and asking for a test, I acknowledge and I understand the information above.

We're in this together.
We'll get through it together.

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