

# WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN GETTING TESTED

| COVID-19 |

Most COVID-19 tests use swabs to gather samples.

You can get your test results as quickly as 15 minutes or up to a few days, depending on the type of test.

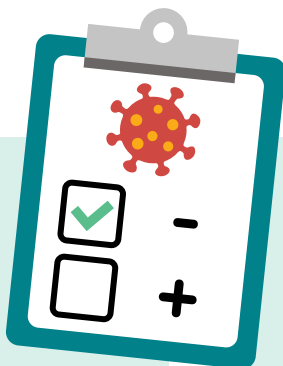


Some testing locations may be crowded. While you are waiting to get your test and results, wear a mask and stay at least 6 feet apart from others.

## Your Results

If you test negative for COVID-19, the virus was not detected:

- If you have symptoms of COVID-19, isolate away from others and contact your health care provider.
- If you were exposed to COVID-19 and do not have symptoms, quarantine if you are not up to date with COVID-19 vaccines.



If you test positive regardless of your COVID-19 vaccination status:

- Isolate from others for at least 5 days and wear a well-fitting mask for 10 days anytime you are around others.
- If you had symptoms, end isolation after 5 days if you are fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication) and your symptoms are improving.
- If you did NOT have symptoms, end isolation at least 5 days after your positive test.



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