



Patient Instructions After Antigen Testing

You had a test performed today by the Delaware Division of Public Health. This “rapid test” is used to detect if you are actively infected with the virus that causes COVID-19. Antigen tests provide value by quickly identifying individuals who may be infected, allowing faster isolation to help control the spread of the virus.

Your test was **NEGATIVE – at this time, you are not suspected of having COVID-19**. If you have symptoms suggestive of COVID-19, you should have additional testing performed with a PCR test, which is available at community testing sites or through your primary care practitioner. You **should** continue to practice social distancing, wearing of face coverings, and avoiding large groups whenever possible. If you develop symptoms suggestive of COVID-19, you should isolate yourself, contact your healthcare provider, and obtain additional testing. If you do not have a health care provider, call 2-1-1 for assistance

Your test was **POSITIVE – this suggests you have an active infection of COVID-19. You must consider yourself actively infected with COVID-19**. You **should** self-isolate for 10 days following the test. You should be referred for further testing with a PCR test. If the PCR test is negative, you may be able to discontinue isolation. Inform your health care provider of this test. If you do not have a health care provider, call 2-1-1 for assistance.

For additional information about Delaware’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic, visit coronavirus.delaware.gov.