

# INTERPRETING RESULTS

What does it mean if my COVID-19 test was...



**NEGATIVE**

or  
"Not Detected"?



**THE SARS-COV-2 VIRUS HAS NOT BEEN FOUND**

*It is unlikely that you are infected with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.*

**POSITIVE**

or  
"Detected"?



**THE SARS-COV-2 VIRUS HAS BEEN FOUND**

*The results indicate you are infected with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.*

**WERE YOU IN CLOSE CONTACT**  
with someone who tested positive for COVID-19?

**NO**

*Not that I know of*

**YES**



**STAY SAFE**

*Keep social distancing and mask-wearing when around others.*



**CONTINUE TO MONITOR**

*If your exposure was recent, the test might have failed to detect the virus that is in your body. Self-isolate as much as possible for 14 days after your last contact with that person. Continue to monitor for any symptoms (ex: fever, cough, shortness of breath) and wear a mask to protect others in your household.*



**ISOLATE FROM OTHERS AND CONTACT YOUR HEALTH PROVIDER**

*Find out the best way to address any symptoms and health needs.*

**DO YOU NEED SUPPORT?**

*If you need help answering COVID-19 related questions or concerns, call the Montana COVID-19 Hotline:*

**1-888-333-0461**

*Or, use visit the Montana State website to locate your local or tribal health department:*

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/FCSS/countytribalhealthdepts>