



Understanding a COVID-19 Test Result Sheet

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My test result doesn't say "negative," "inconclusive," or "positive." COVIDSafeNC wants to me to describe my test result. What do I do?

Unfortunately, COVID-19 test results are not always easy to understand.
Here is a guide to some commonly used terms.

NEGATIVE



Negative diagnostic results will say "negative," "not detected," or "normal." This means that the test did not detect COVID-19 infection. Unless you are isolating or quarantining, you should feel free to come to work.

INCONCLUSIVE



Inconclusive diagnostic results will say "inconclusive," "unsatisfactory," "indeterminate," or "not tested." This means the test sample couldn't be tested for some reason. Under the policy, you need to be tested again. Contact your Agency's Human Resources Office for guidance on whether you can come to work while waiting on a new test result.

POSITIVE



Positive diagnostic results will say "positive," "detected," or "abnormal." This means the test detected COVID-19 infection. Call your Agency's Human Resources Office immediately to state that you have tested positive. Do not report to your worksite, or leave worksite if there.

**If you do not understand the test result, try calling your test provider for clarification.
If your test result is positive, notify your Agency Human Resources Office immediately for guidance.**