If you have a negative result after a rapid test

Your test for COVID-19 was negative. That means that right now we do not have evidence that you have the COVID-19 virus. It takes a while for someone to become infected after an exposure, so it is still possible you will get sick.

If you are a close contact of someone who has the COVID-19 virus, you must do a 14-day quarantine, starting the last day you were exposed to them.

Here are some instructions for quarantine:



If possible, use a separate bedroom and bathroom.

Do not share your things with others in your house.

Stay home except for urgent medical care. If you must leave, wear a mask. Do not take public transportation, ride shares, or taxis. If you do not have a car and need emergency transport call 911.





Quarantine lasts until 14 days from the date of your last exposure, but it can continue if you start experiencing symptoms. Call your healthcare provider if you start experiencing symptoms and **call 9-1-1** if you have an emergency.

DO NOT



Do not have visitors in your home.





Wipe down surfaces that you touch with bleach, if possible, or household cleaners. COVID-19 can live on surfaces for days.



Keep 6 feet distance from other people at all times, even in your home.

Wash your hands throughout the day with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

If you are not a close contact, your test result does not mean that you will not get sick. You still need to take steps to avoid COVID-19.



Wash your hands with soap and water several times throughout the day.



Use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.



If you develop a fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms call a doctor.



Wear a mask when out in public.



Follow all social distancing recommendations including staying at home when asked.

Your caller ID will show "MA COVID Team", a number that

starts with

857 or 833,

or the number of your local health department.



Keep 6 feet of physical distance from other people.



Sneeze and cough into your elbow.



Avoid touching vour face.

Answering the call stops the spread!



You may receive a text and then a call from the MA COVID Team or your local health department



Your identity protected

We will reach out to your contacts to encourage testing and quarantine



Your contacts get the help they need to quarantine

What to expect if you receive a call from the MA COVID Team or your local health department

You may be asked:

- Confirm your name and date of birth
- Your symptoms and when you got tested
- Where you live and who lives with you
- People you have been around and how best to get in contact with them
- They may tell you about your test results

You will NOT be asked for:

- Your credit card number or bank account details
- Your health insurance plan number or plan ID number
- Your immigration status

For more information, visit mass.gov/covid19 or call 2-1-1