COVID-19: Antibody Serology Testing
Understanding your Results

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Negative Result
When you had your blood drawn, you did not have any COVID-19 antibodies. If you were in contact with confirmed COVID-19 individuals, this may mean your PPE protected you or you have not developed antibodies. In very few cases, individuals who have been diagnosed and tested positive for COVID-19 illness still have not developed antibodies to the virus.

Positive Result
This test result shows you have COVID-19 antibodies in your blood. This means you might have some immunity or protection from being re-infected. However, the degree to which those antibodies protect you and how long they last is currently unknown. Scientists are still in the process of studying and understanding COVID-19 immunity. We will share more information with you about immunity as it becomes available.

Next Steps
Scientists are trying to understand how some people, even those who have been sick with COVID-19 do not develop antibodies. With or without antibodies, it is crucial that you follow the instructions below carefully.

Stay Safe

Use PPE
There should be no change to the personal protective equipment that you wear at work and in other public places.

Maintain Social Distancing
At work, maintain social distance of six feet. Also, wear a mask in public and stay home when you’re feeling ill.

Practice Hand Hygiene
Regular washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use of an alcohol-based hand sanitizer can help keep you safe. Avoid touching your face especially your eyes, nose and mouth.