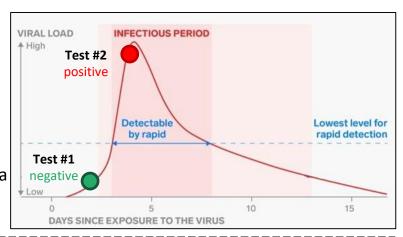


My test is negative – why do I need to test *AGAIN*?



For a rapid antigen home test, a negative test result shows only **ONE LINE** on the test card next to the "C" (control).

A negative result means the test did not detect the virus. BUT, this doesn't rule out that you could have COVID. You may have tested before the virus was detectable. For example, the graph shows a COVID infection from the day of exposure to day 15. A test on day 2 shows a negative result. But a second test taken on day 4, shows a positive result.



How many rapid home tests should you take and over what period of time?

If you have symptoms...

Test again <u>48 hours</u> after the first negative test, for a total of TWO tests.

If you get a negative result on the second test and you are concerned that you could have COVID-19, you may:

- a. take another home test 48 hours after the second test
- b. get a PCR test or call your health care provider

If you do NOT have symptoms, but were exposed to COVID-19...

Test again <u>48 hours</u> after the first negative test, then <u>48 hours</u> after the second negative test, for a total of THREE tests.

If you get a negative result on the third test and you are concerned that you could have COVID-19, you may

- take another home test 48 hours after the third test
- b. get a PCR test or call your health care provider



