

Los Angeles County Visual Guidance

Verifying Proof of a Negative COVID-19 Test

How to verify if a person has a negative test for COVID-19

1 Confirm person's name and, if listed, birthdate on the test result matches their photo ID, AND

The documentation of the COVID-19 test result must show that:

- 2** The test result is negative (see below), AND
- 3** The test was taken within the last 72 hours, AND
- 4** The type of test is antigen (Ag) or PCR/NAAT COVID-19 or SARS-CoV-2, AND
- 5** The result is from a laboratory or healthcare or test provider or patient platform for the healthcare provider (e.g., Healthvana)

(A COVID-19 self-test, sometimes referred to as "home test," is not acceptable.)

See examples below. The result can be a printed copy or on a phone (e.g., digital health record or email or text message from a test provider or laboratory).

What you'll see that indicates it was a COVID-19 PCR/NAAT or antigen test

Polymerase Chain Reaction/Nucleic Acid Amplification (PCR/NAAT) Tests

include, but are not limited to:

- Reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR)
- Quantitative PCR (qPCR)
- Reverse transcription loop-mediated isothermal amplification (RT-LAMP)
- Transcription-mediated amplification (TMA)
- Molecular test or molecular diagnostic test
- Isothermal amplification
- Droplet Digital PCR or digital droplet PCR (ddPCR)
- Clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats (CRISPR)

Antigen (Ag) tests

include, but are not limited to:

- Rapid antigen test
- Viral antigen test
- Antigen Chromatographic Digital Immunoassay
- Antigen Chemiluminescence Immunoassay
- Antigen Lateral Flow Fluorescence

COVID-19 serology tests, noted as antibody or Ab, IgG or IgM, are blood tests and not acceptable.

The test result you'll see that verifies the test was negative

. Words or phrases describing a negative test could include, but are not limited to:

- NEGATIVE
- SARS-CoV-2 RNA NOT DETECTED
- COVID-19 NOT DETECTED
- UNDETECTABLE
- SARS-CoV-2 ANTIGEN NOT DETECTED
- NOT REACTIVE

Results marked "Invalid" are not accepted.

Check the:

- 1 Name matches photo ID
- 2 Result is negative
- 3 Test was performed within the last 72 hours
- 4 Test is PCR or antigen
- 5 Provider, laboratory, or patient platform for healthcare provider (e.g., Healthvana)

5 Anytown Laboratory
Test Result

PATIENT/CLIENT	SPECIMEN
1 John Doe 123 Main Street, Anytown, CA 90000 DOB: 01/01/2001	3 Collected: 02/02/2021 Reported: 02/03/2021

ORDERING PROVIDER John Smith

4 Test: COVID-19 PT-PCR 2 Result: NEGATIVE

