

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 2 days (if PCR/NAAT) or 1 day (if antigen), 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, CommonPass, CLEAR Health Pass)
(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
- UNDETECTABLE
- SARS-CoV-2 RNA NOT DETECTED
- SARS-CoV-2 ANTIGEN NOT DETECTED
- COVID-19 NOT DETECTED
- NOT REACTIVE

Results marked "Invalid" are not accepted.