**What to Do While You Wait for a COVID-19 Test Result**

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**After you get tested**

- Stay home and away from others if you have symptoms or start to feel sick, even if you are fully vaccinated or if you have had COVID-19 in the past three months. You are fully vaccinated if it has been two weeks since your final dose of vaccine.

- If you have not been fully vaccinated, you should also stay home and away from others if:
  - Someone in your home has COVID-19.
  - You've been close to someone with COVID-19.

- You do not have to stay home and away from others if:
  - You do not have any symptoms and have not been close to someone with COVID-19.
  - You got tested for a medical procedure and do not have symptoms.
  - You are fully vaccinated. If you got tested because you were close to someone with COVID-19, you should wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days or until you receive a negative test result. If you live with someone who is immunocompromised, at increased risk of severe disease, or unvaccinated, consider masking at home for 14 days or until you receive a negative test result.
  - You are a student in an indoor K-12 classroom setting, were within 3-6 feet of another student with COVID-19, and both the infected student and the exposed student(s) correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time. This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.

- Start making a plan for what you will do if you have a positive test because you will need to stay home for at least 10 days, even if you do not feel sick.

- Tell people you have been in close contact with recently that you may have COVID-19. If they are not fully vaccinated, they should stay away from others until they hear from you.

- It may take several days to get your test results back. You will receive test results by email, text, and/or telephone call.

**More information**

[Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)](www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus)

For questions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, call 1-833-431-2053.

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