

# FACT vs FICTION



## What you should know about a negative COVID-19 test result



### FICTION:

If I get a negative result, I can see friends and family again and not worry about spreading the virus



### FACT:

A person can be asymptomatic and test negative and still have the virus; unknowingly passing it on to others



### FICTION:

If I am exposed to someone with COVID-19 today I will test positive for the virus tomorrow



### FACT:

It can take 3-5 days after exposure before a test result will show up as positive

Regardless of your COVID-19 test result, you must quarantine for length of time advised by your public health authority

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