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COVID-19 (Corona) Virus

Qualitative Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)

Specimen	Swab
Result	Not Detected

One or more negative results do not rule out the possibility of COVID-19 virus infection. A number of factors could lead to a negative result in an infected individual, including:

- poor quality of the specimen, containing little patient material
- the specimen was collected late or very early in the infection
- technical reasons inherent in the test, e.g. virus mutation or PCR inhibition.

If a negative result is obtained from a patient with a high index of suspicion for COVID-19 virus infection, particularly when only upper respiratory tract specimens were collected, additional specimens, including from the lower respiratory tract if possible, should be collected and tested.

Laboratory testing for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in suspected human cases. WHO Interim guidance 2nd March 2020

Electronically verified report. No signature required. Lab reports should be interpreted by a physician in correlation with clinical and radiologic findings.