

Algorithm for SF sites using Finger Stick/Blood Draw: OraQuick



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OraQuick Advance Finger Stick Reactive

Your result was reactive. This usually means you have antibodies to HIV. However, this is a screening test and false positives do sometimes happen. We'll draw some blood and send it to the laboratory for confirmation of the result. We will set up an appointment to meet again in 1 week to discuss your result.

Draw one FULL 8ml "North Carolina" purple top tube for confirmation.

Lab runs EIA, IFA/WB, and possibly RNA on plasma

confirmatory negative

Your confirmatory test was negative – HIV was not detected. The window period for the RNA test we ran is two to four weeks. This means you can feel very confident in this result unless you were exposed to HIV in the two to four weeks before you gave blood for this test. If this is the case, then further testing should be done.

**antibody negative,
RNA positive**

Although the confirmatory test that looks for antibodies to HIV was negative, we ran another test and found HIV present in your blood. These tests suggest you have been recently infected with HIV and you may be highly infectious. It is important that you seek medical care and I will help you with that if needed. You also need to take steps to protect any partners from infection because of the high level of virus that is most likely in your blood. It is now very important that we draw blood for another antibody test to verify this result. The results of this testing will be available in one week.

confirmatory positive

Your lab results match the rapid test results, and indicate that you are infected with HIV. It is very important that you see a medical provider if you haven't already. If you want, we can help you find a provider.

Draw one FULL 8ml "North Carolina" purple top tube for follow-up antibody and/or RNA testing