

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



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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'd like to run another test today, to see if we get the same result. We will also send that blood to a laboratory for confirmation of the result. We can talk as much as you want while we wait.

Stat-Pak Non-Reactive

**Draw two FULL 8ml "North Carolina" purple top tubes
Use one for confirmation; open the other for rapid test #2**

Stat-Pak Reactive

The first test was reactive, and we ran a second rapid test, which was non-reactive. Since those two tests didn't agree, we can't be sure about your HIV status. We are sending the blood we drew to an off-site lab for confirmation. We'll make an appointment for you to come back and get those results in a week.

I want you to know that we can work together, and that you are not alone in any part of this. I want to make sure I have the right contact information for you.
(Explore risk behavior further if appropriate)

Both rapid tests we ran today were reactive. Based on this, we believe you have HIV. It is very important for you to see a doctor, who can do some lab work to tell you more about your health and HIV status. We will also send the blood we drew to our lab for further testing. If you would like the results of that test you can make an appointment to return here in a week, or we can send it to your doctor directly if you sign a medical release form. Regardless, one of our staff will contact you soon to see if you are having any trouble seeing a provider or need any other assistance from us. Does that work for you? I want to make sure I have the right contact information for you.

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

confirmatory negative

antibody negative, RNA positive

**result inconclusive
(rarely happens-more testing required)**

confirmatory positive

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.

We would like to retest you with the oral rapid test, and if it is a false positive result again, we would like to draw blood for further testing at CDC. Would this be okay?

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.

We cannot provide a conclusive result from the testing that was run. This often happens when someone has been recently infected and is in the process of building up antibodies to HIV – but there are cases when people are HIV negative and this still occurs. The only way we can know for sure is to do follow-up testing for antibodies and RNA. We need to draw blood again today and we'll send it back to the lab for more tests. The results of this test will be available in 1 week. In the meantime, you should take steps to protect your partners from infection because you could have HIV.

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