FACT SHEET FOR PATIENTS

Bio-Rad SARS-CoV-2 ddPCR Test – Bio-Rad Laboratories, Inc. May 1, 2020

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

You are being given this Fact Sheet because your sample(s) was tested for the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) using the Bio-Rad SARS-CoV-2 ddPCR Test.

This Fact Sheet contains information to help you understand the risks and benefits of using this test for the diagnosis of COVID-19. After reading this Fact Sheet, if you have questions or would like to discuss the information provided, please talk to your healthcare provider.

• For the most up to date information on COVID-19 please visit the CDC Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) webpage:
  • https://www.cdc.gov/COVID19

What is COVID-19?
COVID-19 is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus. The virus, which can cause mild to severe respiratory illness, was first identified in Wuhan, China, and has now spread globally, including the United States. There is limited information available to characterize the spectrum of clinical illness associated with COVID-19 but it likely spreads to others when a person shows signs or symptoms of being sick (e.g., fever, coughing, difficulty breathing, etc.).

What is the Bio-Rad SARS-CoV-2 ddPCR Test?
The test is designed to detect the virus that causes COVID-19 in respiratory specimens, for example nasal or oral swabs.

Why was my sample tested?
You were tested because your healthcare provider believes you may have been exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19 based on your signs and symptoms (e.g., fever, cough, difficulty breathing), and/or because:
  • You live in or have recently traveled to a place where transmission of COVID-19 is known to occur, and/or
  • You have been in close contact with an individual suspected of or confirmed to have COVID-19.

Testing of the samples will help find out if you may have COVID-19.

What are the known and potential risks and benefits of the test?
Potential risks include:
  • Possible discomfort or other complications that can happen during sample collection.
  • Possible incorrect test result (see below for more information).

Where can I go for updates and more information? The most up-to-date information on COVID-19 is available at the CDC General webpage: https://www.cdc.gov/COVID19. In addition, please also contact your healthcare provider with any questions/concerns.
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