

# A negative COVID-19 test is not always accurate

## The limitations of testing and false negatives



Coronavirus testing is occurring throughout the country. The United South and Eastern Tribes Tribal Epidemiology Center (USET TEC) wants to inform you about the limitations of testing and false negatives.

A negative coronavirus test result has a level of uncertainty. Negative test results should be viewed with caution because sometimes a test provides a negative result even though the person has the coronavirus. Preventative measures such as handwashing and social distancing are important regardless of test results.



COVID-19  
Testing



Hand  
Washing



Social  
Distancing



Face  
Covering

To protect healthy individuals and decrease the spread of COVID-19, USET TEC strongly recommends the use of cloth masks while in public settings.

Please visit the following link to learn how to make your own cloth masks:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>



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