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From the Desk of Dr. Cameron Kaiser, Riverside County Public Health Officer:

Positive test results from PCR tests, including Curative's self-administered test, are almost always correct. Self-administered tests, regardless of the vendor, have more potential to create false negative results compared to tests administered by a health professional. This is because sometimes people don't follow the instructions precisely, even though they intend to do so. If there isn't enough viral material in the sample for any reason, it won't be positive. Staff members are available to explain the process to ensure residents perform the self-administered test correctly.

It's important to remember that you can be negative one day and positive the next, even with the gold standard PCR swab test and even if the test is done according to instructions.

I don't recommend everyone who did a Curative test and tested negative be immediately retested. If someone close to you is positive and you aren't, or you start getting sick but you recently tested negative, I would strongly advise you consider getting tested again. Please continue to observe all the precautions with good hygiene, social distancing and facial coverings, and stay home if you're sick.

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