

Julie Enea

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Hi Julie,

I was wondering if you could direct me to the answer to these questions (or possibly ask them at the next ad hoc meeting).

How are positive covid tests counted? If someone tests positive once and then gets tested again (and is still positive), is that still one positive or does it count as two? I have found a lot of Facebook comments about the subject but no expert answers.

Also, do we actually know how accurate the tests are? I know someone who tested "positive" for covid (he was required to be tested for a job, and had no symptoms). Over the next two weeks, he received two negative test results in a row, and the antibody test was negative. So he was likely a false positive. Would he still count as a positive as far as any county's stats are concerned? Are the negative and positive false results at the same rate? I've seen people stating the failure rate could be as high as 40%.

Thanks in advance for your help.

Lori Myers