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Six days after I was tested for COVID-19, my test results stated that there was no detection of the virus. But the next day, I received a call from my doctor that I had tested positive.

I went to London for my college spring break in early March. While the talk of coronavirus was large, the city seemed unaffected by what was soon to come. Life seemed normal in the U.K. I flew home to Charlotte, N.C. a day after the president's initial ban of travel from Europe.

Upon arriving home, I developed a fever, headache and sore throat. While I was quarantined in my room from my family, my sore throat worsened to the point it was so swollen I could barely talk or take full breaths. I knew that it was likely I had contracted coronavirus when I developed a fever, but the inability to fully breathe was terrifying. I am only 20 years old.

When my throat looked as though it would only increase in size, I had a doctor's appointment via Zoom. Quickly, we determined that I needed to be tested for the flu, strep and COVID-19 if they were negative. I was instructed to go to a local Novant Health Urgent Care, where drive-through tests were being conducted.

Upon arrival, my mother and I were informed that testing for COVID-19 was not being conducted at this facility and we needed to go to the emergency room. I could see the fear in the eyes of the nurses and doctors when I told them my symptoms and where I had traveled.

"I've never prayed so hard for you to have strep throat," my mother told me.

The strep and flu test came back negative, I was tested for COVID-19 and signed papers promising that I would remain in quarantine. I was told by the hospital that I would receive my

results within five days, negative or positive. After four hours at the hospital, I finally left to isolate myself in my room.

Five days after being tested, I called the hospital and was told that my results were not ready. A day later, I found my virus panel on my Novant Health App.

“The Biofire Respiratory Panel does not detect the novel Coronavirus/ COVID-19,” the results stated.

I felt so relieved, I hugged my parents immediately. My mother cried out of relief that our family could once again resume some normalcy in our house. I even went to the grocery store and my favorite bakery.

The next day, I received a call from my primary care doctor informing me that my COVID-19 results were in and positive. I told her that she was wrong and that in the health app it informed me that there was no detection of the virus.

Upon further inspection, my doctor informed me that the results in my health app did not consist of the full test results. My lab results indicated that I do in fact have COVID-19.

Getting tested for the virus is complicated, but simply informing someone if they have it or not shouldn't be. I voiced my anger about the recklessness of not informing me that my results in the app were not final with Novant Health. How can we ever contain the virus if we can not properly inform people if they have it or not?

I was later called by the Health Department, inquiring about my recent travel, symptoms and a mandated quarantine. I informed them of the confusion surrounding my results, and they agreed that it was crucial to fix the error for future recipients of the test.

My symptoms have greatly improved, but I remain in isolation from my family until I have felt zero symptoms for 72 hours.