Your patch test result indicates that you have a contact allergy to formaldehyde. This contact allergy may cause your skin to react when it is exposed to this substance although it may take several days for the symptoms to appear. Typical symptoms include redness, swelling, itching, and fluid-filled blisters.

Where is formaldehyde found?
This substance is used in the manufacture of polymers and in finishing agents for textiles and leather. It is also found in the formulation of plasticizers, lacquers, and adhesives.

How can you avoid contact with formaldehyde?
Avoid products that list any of the following names in the ingredients:

- 1,3-Ethyleneurea
- 2-Imidazolidinone
- 2-Imidazolidone
- 2-Oximiazolidine
- 2-Oximiazolidinone
- AI3-22151
- EINECS 204-436-4
- Ethylene urea
- Ethyleneurea
- HSDB 4021
- Monoethylenurea
- N,N'-Ethylenurea
- NSC 21314
- SD 6073
- Urea, 1,3-ethylene-
- Urea, N,N'-1,2-ethanediyl-
- 1,3,5-Triazine-2,4,6(1H,3H,5H)-triamine
- 1,3,5-Triazine-2,4,6-triamine
- 2,4,6-Triamino-1,3,5-triazine
- 2,4,6-Triamino-s-triazine
- 2,4,6-Trimino-triazine
- 4-26-00-01253 (Beilstein Handbook Reference)
- ADK Stab ZS 27
- AI3-14883
- Aero
- BRN 0124341
- CCRIS 373
- Cyanuramide
- Cyanuric triamide
- Cyanurotriamide
- Cyanurotriamine
- DG 002
- DG 002 (amine)
- EINECS 203-615-4
- HSDB 2648
- Hicophor PR
- Isomelamine
- Mark ZS 27
- NCI-C50715
- NSC 2130
- Pluragard
- Pluragard C 133
- Spinflam ML 94M
- Teoharn
- Triaminotriazine
- Virset 656-4
- Yukamelamine
- ZS 27
- s-Triazine, 2,4,6-triamino-s-Triazinetrimine
- AI3-26806
- Aldehyd mravenci
- Aldehyd mravenci [Czech]
- Aldehyde formique
- Aldehyde formique [French]
- Aldehyde formique [ISO-French]
- Aldeide formica
- Aldeide formica [Italian]
- BFV
- CCRIS 315
- Caswell No. 465
- Dormol
- EINECS 200-001-8
- EPA Pesticide Chemical Code 043001
- FYDE
- Fannoform
- Formaldehyd
- Formaldehyd [Czech, Polish]
- Formaldehyd solution
- Formaldehyde, gas
- Formalin
- Formalin 40
- Formalin [JAN]
- Formalin-losungen
- Formalin-loesungen [German]
- Formalina
- Formalina [Italian]
- Formaline
- Formalina [German]
- Formalith
- Formic aldehyde
- Formol
- HSDB 164
- Karsan
- Lysoform
- Methaldehyde
- Methanal
- Methyl aldehyde
- Methylene oxide
- Morbicid
- NCI-C02799
- NSC 298885
- Oplossingen
- Oplossingen [Dutch]
- Oxomethane
- Oxymethylene
- Paraform
- RCRA waste number U122
- Superlysoform
- UN 1198
- UN 2209 (formalin)

What are some products that may contain formaldehyde?

Household Products:
- Adhesives
- Leather
- Rust Oleum Painters Touch Specialty, Fluorescent Green
- Textiles

For additional information about products that might contain formaldehyde, go to the Household Product Database online (http://householdproducts.nlm.nih.gov) at the United States National Library of Medicine. These lists are brief and provide just a few examples. They are not comprehensive. Product formulations also change frequently. Read product labels carefully and talk to your doctor if you have any questions. These are general guidelines. Talk to your doctor for more specific instructions.