COVID-19 Specimen Collection Orders - June 4, 2020, 1614
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Supplier availability has required we remain nimble with substitute specimen tubes for COVID-19 testing collection process.

Follow the collection instructions in Epic (on specimen labels and within the specimen collection window)

Ensure the collection container matches one of the approved Lawson #s

COVID-19 PCR, Rapid
- Swab in a **DRY specimen tube**
- Make sure there is NO LIQUID of any kind in the specimen tube.
- Eventually, Rapid Testing Kits not have a specific COVID-19 Sticker
- **Lawson # 654131** (Kit Specimen Collection Dry)

COVID-19 PCR
- Swab in **LIQUID MEDIA specimen tube** (Examples of media include: UTM, Saline, Amies Medium)
- Results within 24 hours of lab receipt of specimen
- Process for collection does not change with substitute kits

**NEW (Substitute) Lawson #s**
- #450094 (Eswab 1mL Liquid Amies)
- #450093 (Eswab 1mL Amies PerNasal)
- #138868 (Kit Swab Saline 2.5mL or 3mL)

*DO NOT USE other swabs that are not packaged as part of the listed Primary Lawson products or substitutes*