

COVID-19 Testing: Order & Specimen Collection Guide – 3.15.2021 0800

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COVID specimen collection labels indicate the swab collection kits to use for collection, follow the supply list below due to changes in availability of products to ensure timely results.

COVID-19 Order	Location & Patient Type	Tier Response for Triage	Result	Tube Type
COVID-19, INFLUENZA A/B, RSV PCR (LAB1230746) “4-plex panel”	Butterworth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ED patients (being admitted/placed/discharged) Inpatients 	Inpatient ED	Within 2 hours of receipt in lab	Saline Collection Tube
	HDVCH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ED patients (being admitted/placed/discharged) Inpatients 			
	When testing for both COVID and Influenza is clinically indicated, this panel may be ordered instead of individual assays for each target.			
COVID-19 PCR, Rapid (LAB1230619)	Butterworth: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inpatients 	Inpatient ED	Within 2 hours of receipt in lab	Dry Collection Tube
	Blodgett & Regional: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ED patients (being admitted/placed/discharged) Inpatients 			
	HDVCH: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inpatients 			
	SH Team Members and First Responders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Team Members 	SH Team Member		

COVID-19 PCR, (LAB1230607)	Pre-Procedure:	Pre-procedure Outpatient Other	Routine turn-around time dependent on current lab volumes	Saline Collection Tube
	SH Team Members and First Responders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GR Team Members 	SH Team Member	Within 12 hours of receipt in lab	
	All Other Patient Groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1300 and Regional Collection Drive Thru Ambulatory Lab Collection Sites Ambulatory Provider Practices SNF/RNC 	Pre-procedure Outpatient Other	Routine turn-around time dependent on current lab volumes	

Ordering Guidance:

- Lawson # 654131/Workday ITM-1143947 - **Dry Kit (NP or Nares Collection)**
- Lawson # 640126/Workday ITM-1127460 - **Dry Kit (Nares Only Collection)**
- Lawson # 138868/Workday ITM-1140814 - **Saline Kit (NP or Nares Collection)**

Other Collection Guidance:

- *Saline collection tubes and dry swabs are NOT acceptable for non-COVID-19 tests.*
- *Universal Transport media (UTM) and ESswabs should be conserved for test that require this type of media including:*
 - CMV Culture
 - Herpes Simplex PCR for Lesions & Herpes Simplex Virus Culture
 - Influenza A/B PCR,
 - Mycoplasma/Ureaplasma Culture
 - Respiratory Pathogens by Film Array, RSV Rapid, and Viral Cultures
 - Bacterial cultures (wound, throat, anaerobic, etc.)