SARS-CoV-2 by PCR

Order Name: **SARS-CoV2**
Test Number: 6907557
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TEST NAME	METHODOLOGY	LOINC CODE
SARS-CoV-2 by PCR	Nucleic Acid Detection	94500-6
[6907265] First Test for COVID-19? (Y,N,U)	Prompt	95417-2
[6907267] Employed in Healthcare? (Y,N,U)	Prompt	95418-0
[6907269] Symptomatic? (Y,N,U)	Prompt	95419-8
[6907271] If Symptomatic, Date of Onset:	Prompt	11368-8
[6907273] Is the Patient Hospitalized? (Y,N,U)	Prompt	77974-4
[6907287] Is the Patient in the ICU? (Y,N,U)	Prompt	95420-6
[6907289] Does Patient Reside in Congregate/Group Care Setting? (Y,N,U)	Prompt	95421-4
[6907290] Pregnancy status? (Y,N,U)	Prompt	82810-3
[6907561] SARS-CoV-2 Source (NP, OP, MT, AN)	Prompt	31208-2

SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS

Specimen	Specimen Volume (min)	Specimen Type	Specimen Container	Transport Environment
Preferred	**1-3mL (0.8mL)**	**See Instructions**	**See Instructions**	**See Instructions**

Instructions

1. **Specimen sites: Nasopharyngeal (NP), Oropharyngeal (OP), Deep Nasal/Mid-turbinate (MT) or Anterior Nares (AN) swab**.
   If collecting MT or AN specimens , both nares should be generously sampled with a single swab and placed in a single tube to maximize virus particle collection. NP washes/aspirates and bronchial washings or bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL) specimens collected with a minimal volume of sterile saline (2 mL or less) are also acceptable.
2. **Swab types**: Any swab of appropriate size and configuration with a synthetic or rayon tip and plastic shaft can be used.
   Do NOT submit swabs with calcium alginate tips or swabs with wood shafts.
   Swab types: Suitable for all specimen sites listed, depending on size of swab
   - Refrigerate specimens if they will be received in lab within 72 hours of collection.
   If there will be delayed transport, freeze specimen at -20'C.
3. **Media types:** VTM, UTM, M6, or sterile saline (**ESwab collection kits should no longer be used for specimen collection for the SARS COV2 PCR assay.** The small volume of this collection device can cause technical issues with PCR and precludes any repeat or additional testing. Contact your Labcorp Oklahoma, Inc. representative for alternate collection devices.)
4. **Swabs must be placed in 1-3 mL of liquid media**, broken or cut at the top of the tube, and tubes tightly capped. Specimen tubes should be labeled with two unique patient identifiers. Place the tube containing the swab in a biohazard bag and submit with paper requisition or place electronic order.
5. **Please keep specimen refrigerated until pick-up.**
6. **Causes for Rejection: APTIMA Multitest Swab kit are no longer acceptable specimen,** Swabs with calcium alginate tips; swabs with wooden shafts; refrigerated samples greater than 72 hours old; room temperature swabs greater than 24 hours old; improperly labeled; grossly contaminated; broken or leaking tube; collection with substances inhibitory to PCR including heparin, hemoglobin, ethanol, EDTA concentrations >0.01M; unacceptable transport media.
7. **Couriers will transport** to Labcorp Oklahoma, Inc. Central Lab. Call Labcorp Oklahoma, Inc. at **918-744-2232** to request specimen pickup if not routinely scheduled at your location.

NOTE: In the event of a supply shortage or an instrument breakdown, the TAT for results may be longer.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Testing Schedule	Daily *(see notes section)
Expected TAT	48-96 hours from receipt of specimen in lab.
Clinical Use	Detects the 2019 novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2).
Notes	Regional Medical Laboratory continues to be a valuable leader at the forefront of the Coronavirus pandemic, having conducted more than 131,000 SARS-CoV-2 PCR tests over the last 4 months to meet the COVID-19 testing needs of the communities we serve.
CPT Code(s)	CPT: 87635
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