

**Metapneumovirus PCR**

Order Name: **METAPNEUMO**  
 Test Number: 5575875  
 Revision Date: 10/01/2022

TEST NAME	METHODOLOGY	LOINC CODE
Metapneumovirus PCR	Polymerase Chain Reaction	

SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS				
Specimen	Specimen Volume (min)	Specimen Type	Specimen Container	Transport Environment
Preferred	<b>3 mL (1 mL)</b>	<b>Swab</b>	<b>Mini-Flocked Swab in Universal Transport Media (UTM)</b>	<b>Refrigerated</b>
Alternate 1	<b>3 mL (1 mL)</b>	<b>Nasal Wash</b>	<b>Sterile Screwtop Container</b>	<b>Refrigerated</b>
Alternate 2	<b>3 mL (1 mL)</b>	<b>Bronchial lavage/wash</b>	<b>Sterile Screwtop Container</b>	<b>Refrigerated</b>
Instructions	<b>The preferred specimen is mini-Flocked Swab in Universal Transport Media (UTM)</b> (Comes as a kit: Supply# 50775), BD Viral Transport Media (VTM) or M4. Keep swabs refrigerated, Stability 7 days refrigerated. Also acceptable 3mL(1mL) BAL or NP/Nasal/Tracheal Aspirate Sterile Screwtop tube Refrigerated. <b>Unacceptable Specimens: Eswabs, Calcium Alginate or Wooden Shaft Swabs.</b>			

GENERAL INFORMATION	
Testing Schedule	In season: Daily. Out of season: Mon, Wed, Fri
Expected TAT	1-3 Days
Notes	PCR detection of the pathogen's RNA or DNA will provide a more sensitive and specific method when compared to the DFA method.
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