# Test Order

## Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Real-time PCR

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### Acceptable Specimen Type(s) for Testing

- **Lower respiratory tract**: Bronchoalveolar lavage, tracheal aspirate and sputum.
  - 2-3 mL in a sterile, leak-proof, screw-cap sputum collection cup or sterile dry container
- **Upper respiratory tract**: Nasopharyngeal swab AND oropharyngeal swab (NP/OP swab)
  - Synthetic fiber swabs with plastic shafts in sterile tubes containing 2-3 ml of viral transport media.

### Transport / Collection Medium

Universal (or viral) transport medium (UTM or VTM)

### Storage and Preservation of Specimen

Store at 2 – 8°C for up to 72 hours.

### Minimum Volume Required

2 mL

### Additional Collection Instructions

Additional specimen types (e.g., stool, urine) may be collected and stored at -70°C until CDC decides whether additional specimen sources should be tested.

### Additional Required Information

Collection date required.

### Send Out?

Yes

### Turnaround Time

Upon CDC notification

### Testing Restrictions

[Requisition Form(s)](http://sfcdc.org/document.html?id=1035)

### Limitations / Notes / Disclaimers

Please refer to Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for more additional acceptable specimen types and for more information: [Interim Guidelines for Collecting, Handling, and Testing Clinical Specimens from Patients Under Investigation (PUIs) for 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)]

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