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Test Order

Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Real-time PCR

Synonym(s)	2019-nCoV
Methodology	Real-time polymerase chain reaction (PCR)
Acceptable Specimen Type(s) for Testing	<p>A. Lower respiratory tract: Bronchoalveolar lavage, tracheal aspirate and sputum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">2-3 mL in a sterile, leak-proof, screw-cap sputum collection cup or sterile dry container <p>B. Upper respiratory tract: Nasopharyngeal swab AND oropharyngeal swab (NP/OP swab)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">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://sfcdcp.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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