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## Test Order

### SARS-CoV-2 and Influenza (A/B) Real-time PCR

Synonym(s)	COVID-Influenza PCR
Methodology	Real-time polymerase chain reaction (PCR)
Acceptable Specimen Type(s) for Testing	Nasopharyngeal swab, nasal swab, nasal wash, or aspirate, or oropharyngeal.
Transport / Collection Medium	Specimens can be submitted in Universal Transport media (UTM), Universal Viral Transport Media (UVT), Saline and RNA shield media.
Storage and Preservation of Specimen	Store at 2 – 8°C for up to 72 h; otherwise freeze at or below -≤70°C.
Minimum Volume Required	2 mL
Additional Collection Instructions	
Additional Required Information	Two patient identifiers are required on the specimen.
Send Out?	No
Turnaround Time	24-48hrs
Testing Restrictions	
Requisition Form(s)	Please submit specimens through Apollo Web. Please contact the laboratory for on-boarding instructions at 415-554-2800
Limitations / Notes / Disclaimers	

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