

COVID-19 Laboratory Specimen Collection Guidance

- Testing for COVID-19 is now available.
- The Synergy COVID-19 PCR is preferred in both the inpatient and outpatient setting with an estimated turnaround time of 48 hours. LabCorp COVID-19 NAA is also available, but at present has an estimated turnaround time of 3-5 days.
- Midturbinate and oropharyngeal swabs are preferred specimens for Synergy.
- As other respiratory viruses including influenza are circulating in the community, we recommend that testing for COVID-19 be ordered in conjunction with our currently available Rapid Flu, Rapid RSV, and Rapid Strep. Currently Synergy does not offer a respiratory panel. If a respiratory panel is needed use the Assurance swab and requisition form. Clinic must then include Assurance paper requisition and contact courier.
- As you are all aware, this is a rapidly evolving situation and testing guidance will be updated accordingly depending on community transmission dynamics and test capacity.
- Do not ignore other signs and symptoms during this COVID-19 period, as patients with fever and signs of infection should be treated by current guidelines (e.g. neutropenic fever, sepsis) by inpatient services.

Vendor	Electronic order naming convention (needed for internal tracking)	Paper or electronic requisition for processing	Specimen required	Estimated turnaround time	How to receive results
Synergy	Coronavirus (COVID-19) Synergy Lab	Electronic	Midturbinate oropharyngeal	24-48 hours	Interface

^{*}Other COVID-19 testing vendors available as of 3/13/20 include ARUP and ADPH State Lab. Due to the rapidly evolving situation, testing and specimen collection guidance will be updated according to the USA Health Division of Infectious Diseases Medical Directors.