

PDL UPDATE: Coronavirus Testing (COVID-19)



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WHAT HAS CHANGED

Pacific Diagnostic Laboratories is now offering a test for the **2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)** through LabCorp, our primary reference laboratory.

2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), NAA PDL Order Code: **LAB10716** Referred to: **LabCorp**

PROVIDERS SHOULD FOLLOW LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTION FOR COVID-19 TESTING

Order Information	PDL Order Code: LAB10716 Submit a <u>separate requisition</u> for COVID-19 testing; Specimen submitted for COVID-19 testing <u>cannot be shared</u> with other testing.
Specimen Type/Container	Nasopharyngeal (NP) or Oropharyngeal (OP) swab <i>Submit in universal viral transport media (UVT/UTM)</i> NP or OP aspirates or washes, Bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL) <i>Submit in a sterile container</i>
Specimen Collection	Performed by the physician or other healthcare provider <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PDL does NOT offer any collection services for this testing.• DO NOT direct suspect COVID-19 patients to a Patient Service Center.• Contact PDL dispatch for pickup from provider office if routine pickup is not already scheduled.
Specimen Volume	1 mL <i>Minimum 0.2 mL</i>
Storage/Transport Temperature	Freeze <i>Specimens are stable refrigerated for 72 hours</i>
Turnaround Time	4-5 days <i>Includes 1 day for transport to performing lab; No STAT testing available</i>
Public Health Reporting	LabCorp will report results to State Public Health Providers are required to report positive results to local Public Health <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SB County Public Health 24/7 (805) 681-5280• SLO County Public Health M-F (805) 781-5500; after hours (805) 781-4553• Ventura County Public Health (805) 465-6650

For additional information on the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), NAA offered by LabCorp please visit:
<https://www.labcorp.com/information-labcorp-about-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>

RESOURCES/INFORMATION AVAILABLE

- Center for Disease Control: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/index.html>
- Cottage Health: <https://www.cottagehealth.org/about/newsroom/2020/coronavirus-covid-19/>
- SB County Public Health: <https://www.countyofsb.org/phd/dcp/novel-corona-virus.sbc>
- SLO County Public Health: <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Health-Agency/Public-Health.aspx>
- Ventura County Public Health: <https://www.ventura.org/covid19/>

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