

PDL UPDATE: Coronavirus (COVID-19)



Order Code update for SARS-CoV-2 Total Antibody

WHAT IS NEW

Effective June 23, 2020, Pacific Diagnostic Laboratories (PDL) will be inactivating the LabCorp SARS-CoV-2 Antibody test options (IgA, IgM, IgG) as PDL now offers SARS-CoV-2 Total Antibodies (LAB10739) for the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Starting on this same date, any orders for SARS-CoV-2 antibodies (IgA, IgM, IgG) received at PDL will be ordered as the PDL LAB10739 SARS-CoV-2 Total Antibodies.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PDL SARS-COV-2 TOTAL ANTIBODIES LAB10739

Qualitative Total Antibody Reported: **Positive, Negative or Equivocal** (*no titer provided*)

This assay is for the qualitative detection of total antibodies including IgG, IgM and to a lesser extent IgA.

The test does not differentiate antibody isotypes.

Note: The FDA has stated that there is no substantive advantage of assays testing for IgG, IgM and IgG, or total antibody.

Specificity: **99.8%** Sensitivity >13 days: **100%** Turnaround Time: **24 hours**

Assay in use has received Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) through the FDA

Price: \$99 AMA CPT: 86769 Uninsured Patients: Qualify under HRSA <https://www.hrsa.gov/coviduninsuredclaim>

WHAT ACTION IS NEEDED

For your office Electronic Medical Record (EMR):

- **ADD/BUILD** the new PDL code

NEW TEST	PDL Order Code
SARS-COV-2 TOTAL ANTIBODIES	LAB10739

- **INACTIVATE** the LCA codes listed in the chart below

TESTS THAT WILL BE INACTIVATED EFFECTIVE JUNE 23, 2020	PDL Order Code	LabCorp Order Code
SARS-COV-2 ANTIBODY, IgM	LAB10732	164034
SARS-COV-2 ANTIBODY, IGG	LAB10733	164055
SARS-COV-2 ANTIBODY, IgA	LAB10734	164072

PDL Lab Requisition Updates: If your practice uses PDL requisitions, your sales representative can assist you with securing updated requisitions with the new PDL code.

BACKGROUND

Serological testing for SARS-CoV-2 is intended for individuals who may have had COVID-19 symptoms but are no longer symptomatic. The test determines the presence of antibodies to SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, and can help to identify individuals who may have been exposed to the virus.

Serology testing is not intended as a primary diagnostic test for COVID-19. The RT-PCR (PDL Test Code LAB10716) is the only diagnostic test for COVID-19. Serology testing should not be used as the sole basis for a diagnosis nor assurance of immunity. Additional guidance is available from the CDC and FDA at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/lab/resources/antibody-tests-guidelines.html>

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