

PDL Update: NEW COVID-19 ORDER CODE



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NEW TEST ORDER FOR COVID-19

Effective February 2, 2021, Pacific Diagnostic Laboratories (PDL) is pleased to share we are now testing all molecular diagnostic COVID-19 from nasal and nasopharyngeal sources in-house. This change requires use of a new order code for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) as noted below.

TEST NAME	NEW CODE	TAT	FDA EUA APPROVED TEST METHOD
COVID-19	LAB10789	24-48 hours <i>From receipt in lab</i>	Molecular Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT) <i>Nucleic acid amplification tests (NAAT) include RT-PCR, TMA, and LAMP.</i>

Acceptable specimen sources: Nasopharyngeal or Nasal
Collection Kit: Viral Transport Media (VTM) or Universal Transport Media (UTM) or Saline (0.9%)
Volume: 3 mL
Minimum Volume: 1 mL
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Courier Pickup: Specimen pick-up/transport to PDL through the standard courier process

- Please DO NOT drop off COVID-19 specimens or send suspected COVID-19 patients to a Patient Service Center
- PDL does not offer any collection services for this testing at the Patient Services Centers

METHODS IN USE

Hologic Panther Aptima® SARS CoV-2 assay combines the technologies of target capture, Transcription Mediated Amplification (TMA), and Dual Kinetic Assay (DKA).
LumiraDx SARS-CoV-2 RNA STAR is a molecular test kit, which uses a non-isothermal nucleic acid amplification technique called qSTAR (quantitative Selective Temperature Amplification Reaction).

COLLECTION

Nasopharyngeal (NP) collection: Must be performed by the physician or other healthcare provider following standard procedure and safety precautions.
Nasal collections: May be done by a physician or other healthcare provider. Observed self-collections are also acceptable following CDC guidelines.
PDL COVID-19 COLLECTION SITES are available by appointment only for symptomatic patients at Goleta and Santa Ynez. A test order must be placed AND patient must schedule an appointment by going online at www.pdllabs.com or calling 805-879-8100 or toll-free at 866-591-4610.

NEXT STEP: If this new order code is helpful to your practice, please update applicable lab requisitions and/or submit to your EMR vendor to add the code to your test compendium.

Test Name	Order Code	Test Code	CPT	CDM
COVID-19	LAB10789	1230118651	U0003/U0005	30600383/30600399

Result Code	Result Code	LOINC
COVID-19 (Hologic)	1230018525	94559-2
COVID-19 (LumiraDx)	1230018528	94559-2

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT PDL CLIENT SERVICES AT 805-879-8100

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