

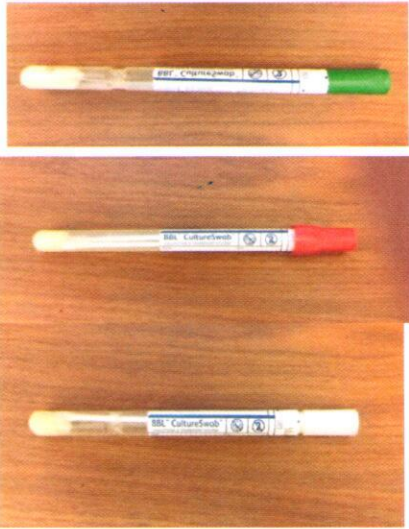
## Laboratory Technical Bulletin

**Date:** March 17, 2020  
**Effective Date:** **March 17, 2020**  
**Title:** COVID-19 Testing  
**Test:** COVID-19, PCR

**Explanation of change:**

**\*\*\*UPDATED QUANTITY OF SWABS COLLECTED IN ORDER TO CONSERVE SUPPLIES\*\*\***

Clarification of ordering and collection for COVID-19:

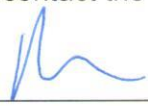
Lab Use	CMC Sites/ Meditech	Non-Meditech EMRS (Provider Offices)	Swab/Source	Transport Temperature
COVID19	COVID 19, PCR	COVID 19, PCR  Or  Follow same process for ordering a non- orderable test (ie: Misc or Other Test) and  <b>Free Text: COVID19</b>	<p><b>All Patients</b></p> <p><b>#1 PREFERRED:</b> 1 nasopharyngeal <b>GREEN</b> swab</p> <p><b>#2 ACCEPTABLE:</b> 1 oropharyngeal <b>RED</b> swab</p> <p><b>#3 ACCEPTABLE:</b> 1 oropharyngeal <b>WHITE</b> swab</p>  <p>Swabs will be placed in M5 viral transport media upon arrival in the laboratory.</p>	refrigerated

**It is CRUCIAL that the correct source is written on every swab!!**

Please note that nasal and nasopharyngeal are NOT the same source. They are different anatomic sites.

Testing for COVID-19 is not performed on site at the CMC lab. Currently, COVID-19 testing is performed at referral lab. Typical Turn-Around-Time is 2-6 days.

Please contact the Laboratory at (607)274-4474 with any questions.

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