

Laboratory Technical Bulletin

Date: July 7, 2020

Effective Date: July 14, 2020

Title: COVID19 Collection Change

Test: COVID19, PCR

Explanation of change:

In order to standardize COVID19 testing and decrease test turnaround time, the laboratory will be using one swab type with analyzer-ready media for collection. Please contact the laboratory if supplies are needed. Collection with other swabs/media may result in delayed turnaround time.

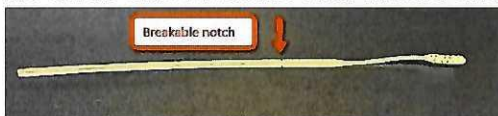


Nasopharyngeal notched swabs with non-absorbent tip inserted in 0.8mL Rheonix-ready media.

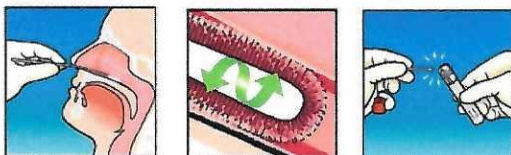
Store viral media refrigerated BEFORE and AFTER collection.

Instructions:

1. Insert swab into nasal passage until a slight resistance is met.
2. Rotate the swab two to three times and hold the swab for 10 seconds to ensure maximum absorbency.
3. Put the swab into Rheonix viral media and break the shaft at the breakpoint notch.


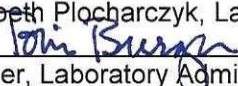


4. **TIGHTLY close screw top lid to prevent leakage. Add parafilm, if available.**
5. Label viral transport tube with patient's name, date of birth and source.



6. Place sample in biohazard bag and store refrigerated until transport to the laboratory.

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


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