

## **Laboratory Technical Bulletin**

Effective Date: February 28, 2023

Date: February 21, 2023

Title: COVID Testing Location Change
Test: SARS CoV2 NAA (COVID) Test

Discussion: Routine COVID testing will be transitioning from the Brown Rd Lab to the Main Lab.

The Sampling Site will still be operating as usual.

Please contact the laboratory for collection kits.

	Old	New
Test Order	COVID19 (register in app) *	COVID19 (register in app) NO CHANGE
Test Site	COVID Enterprise (Brown Rd)	Cayuga Medical Center (Main Lab)
Method	RT-PCR (Tetracore)	Nucleic Acid Amplification (Panther)
Collection	Saliva (5 mL designated tube)  Required saliva volume 1.5-4mL  or  Upper respiratory (using designated collection kit swab and tube containing 1mL viral transport medium)  Disposable sampling swab  Disposable sampling swab  Disposable sampling swab  Disposable sampling swab	Nasal swab in Direct Load tube (sampling site)  Nasal swab in Multitest tube (all other sites)  Alternate: nasal, nasopharyngeal, oropharyngeal, mid-turbinate or nasal wash/aspirate in 3 mL viral transport medium
0.1.11		or 3 mL saline
Stability	Saliva 5 days room temperature  Upper respiratory 72 hours refrigerated	Direct load and Multitest tube – 6 days room temperature or refrigerated  Viral transport or saline – 4 days refrigerated
Turnaround Time	24-72 hours	24-72 hours NO CHANGE
Results Found	CMC: EMR under Laboratory – Serology Schuyler: Patient Portal only	CMC: EMR under Laboratory – Serology Schuyler: Patient Portal only <b>NO CHANGE</b>

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