

Date: August 8, 2023

Effective Date: August 9, 2023



Title: Routine COVID Test Batching

Test: SARS CoV2 NAA (COVID) Test

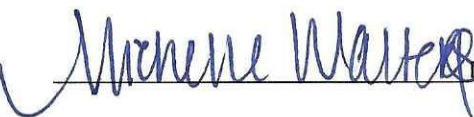
Discussion: Due to reduced test volumes, routine COVID testing will be performed Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Additional testing days will be added to accommodate increasing test requests as we move into the winter months.

Please contact the laboratory for collection kits.

Please note that rapid COVID testing is still available upon demand.

<b>Test Order</b>	COVID19
<b>Test Site</b>	Cayuga Medical Center (Main Lab)
<b>Method</b>	Nucleic Acid Amplification (Panther)
<b>Collection</b>	<p>Nasal swab in Direct Load tube (for sites collecting large batches of testing)</p>  <p>Nasal swab in Multitest tube (all other sites)</p>  <p>Alternate: nasal, nasopharyngeal, oropharyngeal, mid-turbinate or nasal wash/aspirate in 3 mL viral transport medium or 3 mL saline</p>
<b>Stability</b>	<p>Direct load and Multitest tube – 6 days room temperature or refrigerated</p> <p>Viral transport or saline – 4 days refrigerated</p>
<b>Turnaround Time</b>	24-72 hours
<b>Results Found</b>	<p>CMC: EMR under Laboratory – Serology</p> <p>Schuyler: EMR under Laboratory - Sendouts</p>

  
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