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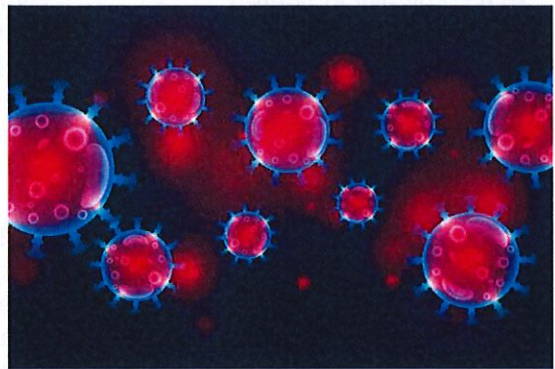
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## **SALIVA COVID19 SCREENING**

**We are proud to offer saliva screening for COVID19. This specimen type is a more convenient and patient friendly collection.**

**Nasopharyngeal swabs will also be accepted for those patients who cannot produce saliva.**

**COVID19 saliva collection kits and NP collection kits are available. They are not interchangeable.**



**Test Name: Coronavirus 2019 Novel Screening (COVIDQ)**

**Performing Laboratory: Corteva Agriscience; Johnston, Iowa**

**CPT: U0003**

**Specimen Requirements: COVID 19 Test Kit-Saliva or NP**

**Minimum Volume: 0.5 mL saliva or NP swab cut off at top of tube**

**Stability: Refrigerated for 72 hours**

**Rejection Criteria: Non-refrigerated, liquid level below/above top of bar code on vial, leaking specimen, wrong collection vial, NP swab removed from tube**

**Test Methodology: Real-time PCR**

**Turnaround time: 48-72 hours**

**Normal Range: Not-detected**

**Reportable Range: Detected, Not-detected, Inconclusive**

**Client List Price: ~~\$105~~ **\$75 for LAI Member Organizations****

**Patient/Insurance Price: \$135**

**Notes:** The LoD (level of detection) for this test is 1,000 copies per mL, as specified by TaqPath and Rutgers EUA's. This test has been validated in accordance with FDA recommendations and guidelines.

This test is to screen for infection, not for immunity status. MercyOne Des Moines Laboratory will report to the public health department, as required. Results are part of the continuity of care record for the patient. **Special collection kit must be used.** Kits can be ordered on the supply request form or by calling 515-643-4949.

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**Ordering Instructions:** Please note, the label that prints is PHI free, please match the order number and the bar code number to the top right corner of the Atlas requisition to confirm patient ID. Those ordering on paper test requisitions, please specify “**COVID Screening**” in the additional tests section, in addition to completing all demographic fields.

A “**reason for test**” will be required for all COVID orderables. For public health reporting and tracking purposes, we will need to know why the person is being tested for COVID19. This question will need to be answered in all electronic systems. If ordering on manual requisitions, please write in the reason next to your COVID Screen order.

**Reason:**

PUI Clinically indicated  
Surveillance Intake  
Surveillance Discharge Placement  
Surveillance Employee  
Surveillance Other

**When to use:**

Symptomatic or exposure to confirmed COVID cases  
PreOP screen, L&D screen, New Admit  
Patient discharged to different care facility  
Non symptomatic employee screen  
Other non symptomatic screening

**Collection Instructions**

Must be collected at a provider’s office utilizing the special kit and appropriate PPE practices. In the hospital and office setting when obtaining a saliva sample for this test the healthcare worker (HCW) shall don simple surgical mask, face shield and gloves. The HCW shall perform meticulous hand hygiene before donning the gloves and after doffing them. In a **drive by testing scenario** where the HCW is collecting multiple specimens over an entire shift of work, in addition to what is stated above for PPE, the HCW shall don a yellow contact precautions gown as well. The HCW shall stay in simple surgical mask, face shield and gown for an extended period if the PPE is not visibly soiled. Only the gloves need be doffed in between each patient. In an **indoor collecting scenario** where the HCW is collecting numerous specimens on a shift the same shall apply as in an outdoor setting described above, provided that the HCW is stationed at a collecting station and patients present to them in an assembly line fashion.

Please do NOT interchange the small bag and the vial. The small bag and vial are barcoded with the same unique ID number for tracking and labeling purposes.

- Collect 1mL of saliva in the syringe. Fill the orange cap vial to the top of the bar code (about 0.5 mL of saliva). Discard the remaining saliva. Please note, the fluid in the orange cap vial is toxic, do NOT reuse the pipette once saliva is aspirated into the vial.
- NP – collect NP swab and place in purple cap vial. Using scissors, clip off the shaft of the swab even with the top of the vial. Place cap on vial.

This is the only specimen type where the tube is not labeled directly, due to the uniqueness of the tube and processes around this testing. Please ensure the orange cap is properly and tightly screwed on before placing in small bag. Affix the Atlas label on the outside of this small bag, below the kit label. Place the small bag in a biohazard bag with the requisition in the pocket of the biohazard bag.

Questions can be directed to Teresa McDonough, Business Development Coordinator, at 515-643-2701.

To set up an account, contact Teresa McDonough (515-643-3701 or [TMcDonough@mercydesmoines.org](mailto:TMcDonough@mercydesmoines.org)) and be sure to mention that you are a LeadingAge Iowa member to get the group rate.

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