


| COVID-19 – 2019 Novel Coronavirus In-house Performed at Dallas Lab | |
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| Implementation | First day of patient testing, March 24, 2020 |
| Collection Information | <p>Collect</p> <p>Nasopharyngeal specimen collected with Viral Transport Media (VTM) swab</p>  <p>VTM Media</p> |
| Delivery to Lab | Double bag specimens and send to lab by pneumatic tube system or single bag and walk specimens to lab |
| Current Volumes All volumes subject to the following listed limitations | 40-60/day |
| Expected TAT | Most will be same day or next day; however, Allow 24-48 hours * See Testing Schedule |
| Limitations | Reagent availability, collection media availability, staffing, increased volumes |
| Notification of Results | Results posted to electronic medical record (EMR) |

***Testing Schedule:**

Based on expected volumes of 40-60/day, increased volumes may result in increased TAT

Samples received by 7am will be resultd by 5pm the same day (7 days a week)

Samples received between 7am and 12:00pm will be resultd by 12pm the next day (M-F only)