

COVID-19 – 2019 Novel Coronavirus In-house Performed at Dallas Lab	
Implementation	First day of patient testing, March 24, 2020
Collection Information	<p><b>Collect</b></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 * <a href="#">See Testing Schedule</a>
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 resulted by 5pm the same day (7 days a week)

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