UC San Diego Health

SARS-CoV2 (COVID-19) Viral Specimen Collection Chart





Copan UTM-RT Remel M4RT Viral Transport Medium

Use for	Epic order displays as:
	 RAPID COVID PCR
	Influenza A/B & SARS-CoV-2 (FLUCO)
	Rapid Response Lab
	OR
	 ROUTINE COVID-19 PCR
	Coronavirus Detection Assay (COV19)
	CALM

1. Store House

Procedure for

collection

Supplied by

 Use the same swab to collect left and right anterior nares, nasal midturbinate, or nasopharyngeal sites

2. House Supervisor (afterhours)

- Place swab in liquid and snap at score mark
- Close cap tightly. Make sure cap is seated properly, leaking specimens will be rejected!
- Place specimen into biohazard bag
- Walk specimens to lab, DO NOT send via pneumatic tube system

Special Considerations

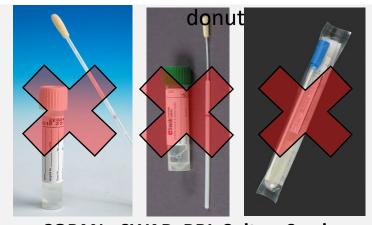
- RAPID COVID PCR test does not need confirmation with COV19 test.
- FOR RAPID COVID PCR: ONLY COPAN AND REMEL VTM ARE ACCEPTABLE



Flocked Swab

Special Considerations

USE FOR ALL COVID-19 COLLECTIONS, INCLUDING RAPID AND ROUTINE PCR



COPAN eSWAB, BBL CultureSwab
DO NOT USE FOR COVID-19 TESTING

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Avantik VTM Viral Transport Medium

Use for

Epic order displayed as:

ROUTINE COVID-19 PCR
 Coronavirus Detection Assay (COV19)
 CALM

Supplied by

- Store House
- 2. House Supervisor (afterhours)

Procedure for collection

- Use the same swab to collect left and right anterior nares, nasal mid-turbinate, or nasopharyngeal sites
- Can also accept oropharyngeal swabs, tracheal aspirate, or bronchial washings
- Close cap tightly. Make sure cap is seated properly, leaking specimens will be rejected!
- Place specimen into biohazard bag
- Walk specimens to lab, DO NOT send via pneumatic tube system

Special Considerations

DO NOT use for RAPID COVID PCR

Can also be used for:

- Upper Respiratory Pathogen Nucleic Acid Test (nasopharyngeal only)
- Influenza/RSV PCR testing (nasopharyngeal only)
- HSV ½ and VZV PCR Lesion
- Send-out viral culture