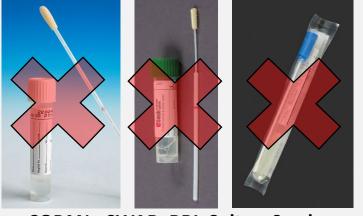
UC San Diego Health SARS-CoV2 (COVID-19) Viral Specimen Collection Chart



Puritan Foam Tipped Applicators

Use for	<i>Epic order displays as:</i>Rapid COVID-19 Assay	
Supplied by	 Store House House Supervisor (afterhours) 	I
Procedure for collection	 Peel wrapper half-way Remove the swab Keep the wrapper for transport Collect mid-turbinate nasal swab (both nares) Return swab to wrapper Place patient label on wrapper Place specimen into biohazard bag 	Use f
Special Considerations	 Lab must receive swab within 2 hours of collection. No additional tests can be added to this swab specimen. 	Suppl
FOR COVID SPECIMENS:		
 Walk specimen down to lab Announce delivery of COVID specimen to lab staff member DO NOT send specimen via pneumatic tube system 		



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

Use for	 Epic order displays as: Culture Body Site with Gram Stain Culture Anaerobic Culture MRSA Screen/Surveillance Culture Group A Strep Group B Streptococcus Nucleic Acid Detection General Aerobic Culture, OR ONLY Reserve for bacterial culture orders ONLY (CRITICAL SUPPLY)
Supplied by	 Stocked on the unit by storehouse After hours call House Supervisor
Procedure for collection	 Place swab directly into container Place labeled specimen into biohazard bag
Special Considerations	DO NOT USE FOR COVID-19 TESTING





Viral Transport Medium (VTM) with Flocked Swab – Red, Orange, Blue, or White Cap

Use for	Epic order displayed as:COVID-19 Coronavirus Detection Assay at UCSD Labs
Supplied by	 Store House (keep refrigerated until use) House Supervisor (afterhours) DO NOT STORE ON UNIT *CRITICAL SUPPLY*
Procedure for collection	 Use for nasopharyngeal, nasal mid-turbinate (both nares), or oropharyngeal collection Place swab in liquid and snap at score mark Close cap tightly. Make sure cap is seated properly, leaking specimens will be rejected!
Special Considerations	 Specimens are good for 24 hours after collection at room temperature Keep refrigerated until use VTM tubes should not be stored in refrigerators on the unit or in the pharmacy 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 Sond out viral culture

• Send-out viral culture