



COVID-19 Protocol

Upon receipt of a lab orders for COVID19 testing on a resident or employee who satisfies CDC clinical criteria, AHA will provide the ordering facility with swabs on an as needed basis to fulfil the physician order/government mandate.

Once the specimen is collected, place the swab into the vial transport tube, then break off at the slender end. **A SEPARATE REQUISITION MUST BE USED FOR EACH COVID19 TEST. EACH REQUISITION AND SAMPLE MUST HAVE A COLLECTION DATE AND TIME TO AVOID REJECTION!!** Please make sure that you are using the correct account number for resident vs employee testing. Once collected, specimens must be refrigerated and subsequently transported in a thermal cooler to maintain temperature.

For specimens being picked-up by AHA, the refrigerated swabs in double bags should be ready for the phlebotomist's A.M. pickup to ensure the fastest turn-around times for results.

For specimens being shipped to an AHA Lab testing facility, the double-bagged specimens should be securely packed in a thermal cooler that includes enough ice packs to keep the specimens at a refrigerated temperature and shipped overnight for early next morning delivery to the designated AHA Laboratory address.

****IF EACH REQUISITION AND TUBE ARE NOT DATED AND TIMED, THE SPECIMEN(S) WILL BE REJECTED. WE MUST HAVE THE COLLECTION DATE AND TIME TO PROCESS.****

Please note: There is a change in the ordering process for Covid testing. You will note a popup box when ordering Covid testing. Please fill this out completely when the information is available.

PLEASE SEE PAGE 2 FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON ALL OF THE COVID/FLU/RESPITORY TESTS THAT ARE OFFERED THROUGH AHA AND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH.

THANK YOU!



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Test Name	Collection Specifications	Handling Requirements	Est. Turn-around Time	
SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 by PCR Test code 1430T	Nasal - Dry mucosal surface at the mid-nasal turbinates Nasopharyngeal – Dry mucosal surface of the posterior nasopharynx	Refrigerate immediately Must reach lab within 24hrs after collection	24-48 hours after arrival at testing site	COLLECTION DATE and TIME MUST be legible on the REQUISITION and SPECIMEN TUBE or the sample WILL be REJECTED
Resp Viral Panel by PCR- Test code 1424 COVID-19 + Influenza A/B+RSV	Nasopharyngeal 1 mL Viral Transport Media mucosal surface of the posterior nasopharynx	Refrigerate immediately Must reach lab within 24hrs after collection	24-48 hours after arrival at testing site	COLLECTION DATE and TIME MUST be legible on the REQUISITION and SPECIMEN TUBE or the sample WILL be REJECTED
SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 ANTIGEN Test code 1430s	Nasal - Dry mucosal surface at the mid-nasal turbinates Nasopharyngeal – Dry mucosal surface of the posterior nasopharynx	Refrigerate immediately Must reach lab within 24hrs after collection	Within 24 hours after arrival at lab testing site	COLLECTION DATE and TIME MUST be legible on the REQUISITION and SPECIMEN TUBE or the sample WILL be REJECTED
Influenza A/B ANTIGEN Test code 796	Nasopharyngeal 1 mL Viral Transport Media mucosal surface of the posterior nasopharynx	Refrigerate immediately. Must reach lab within 24hrs after collection	Within 24 hours after arrival at lab testing site	COLLECTION DATE and TIME MUST be legible on the REQUISITION and SPECIMEN TUBE or the sample WILL be REJECTED
Serum Covid Antibody Combo IgM/IgG Test code 1364 Serum Covid Antibody IgM Test code 1366 Serum Covid Antibody IgG Test code 1365	Venous blood 1 SST Collection Tube	refrigerate if not transported within 24hrs	Within 24 hours after arrival at test site	COLLECTION DATE and TIME MUST be legible on the REQUISITION and SPECIMEN TUBE or the sample WILL be REJECTED