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A Sonic Healthcare Anatomic Pathology Practice

Client Communication

Updated Collection Device and Testing Information
SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19), RT PCR

Please be aware of updated test code, test name, and collection device, M4 Viral Swab, required for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19), RT PCR testing. All updates/changes are in bold below.

Test Code/Test Name: SARS CoV-2/ SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19), RT PCR

Specimen Container: M4 Viral Media and Swab

Collection requirements: Use swab from M4 Viral Swab packaging provided for any of these collection options: **nasopharyngeal** (collected by healthcare provider only); **oropharyngeal** (throat) (provider or self-collection); or **nasal mid-turbinate collection** (provider or self-collection)

**Please see back for detailed collection instructions for each option.

Once collection is complete, place tip of swab into viral transport media and snap off the applicator stick.

Transport Temperature: Critical Refrigerated

Specimen Stability: 72 hours refrigerated; 1 week frozen (-20 degrees)

Expected Turnaround Time: 4-7 days

Billing: Insurance or Uninsured patient (UNS form required)

CPT Code: 87635

M4 Viral Swab collection Kit

SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19), RT PCR
Collection Instructions:

Nasopharyngeal: Tilt patient's head back 70 degrees. Insert swab into nostril parallel to palate. (Swab should reach depth equal to distance from nostrils to outer opening of the ear.) Leave swab in place for several seconds to absorb secretions. Slowly remove swab while rotating it.

Nasal mid-turbinate: Tilt patient's head back 70 degrees. While gently rotating the swab, insert swab less than one inch (about 2 cm) into nostril (until resistance is met at turbinates). Rotate the swab several times against nasal wall and repeat in other nostril using the same swab.

Oropharyngeal (throat): Insert swab into the posterior pharynx and tonsillar areas. Rub swab over both tonsillar pillars and posterior oropharynx and avoid touching the tongue, teeth, and gums.

Place tip of swab into viral transport media and snap off the applicator stick.