

SARS-CoV-2 RNA Qualitative Real-Time RT-PCR

Explanation: The following new orderable, referred to Quest Diagnostics Infectious Disease Inc., will be available immediately.

Test ID: ZW83

Test Name: SARS-CoV-2 RNA Qualitative Real-Time RT-PCR

Referral Lab Code: 39433

Methods:

Real-Time Reverse Transcriptase Polymerase Chain Reaction

Specimen Requirements:

Preferred Specimen(s)

One (1) nasopharyngeal and/or oropharyngeal swab collected in a multi microbe media (M4), V-C-M medium (green-cap) tube or equivalent (UTM)

Collection Instructions

1. Order SARS-CoV-2 RNA, RT PCR separately from other tests on a separate requisition. The SARS-CoV-2 test will be prioritized if submitted on a shared requisition.
2. If sample is being shipped directly to the performing laboratory by an overnight air courier, then transport it frozen on dry ice. Shipping and storage: -70° C is acceptable

Note: It is acceptable to place both an NP and an OP swab at the time of collection into a shared media transport tube. **Do not combine other specimen sources.**

Specimen Stability Information:

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time
Nasopharyngeal and/or oropharyngeal swab	Frozen	
	Refrigerate	72 hours

Fee: \$184.00

CPT Code: 87798

Day(s) Setup: Multiple times a day

Analytic Time: 1-2 days

Questions:

Contact MCL Referrals Supervisor Amy Bluhm at 800-533-1710.