

SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19)

New Test Update as of Tuesday, March 10, 2020

CLH Test Code:

4219

Test Name:SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19)
by RT qPCR**Specimen type:**Nasopharyngeal Swab (NP)
in viral transport media**Storage:**Refrigerate immediately upon
Collection**Estimated Turn-around time:**

3 days

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Effective March 10, 2020, Clinical Labs of Hawaii will begin offering testing for severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), the virus that causes coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The test will be offered by our sister lab, Sonic Reference Laboratory, while we complete validations to provide testing locally.

The test utilizes the FDA Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) approved CDC 2019-Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Real-Time Transcriptase (RT)-PCR Diagnostic Panel and is intended for the presumptive qualitative detection of nucleic acid from the 2019-nCoV in upper and lower respiratory specimens.

CDC's clinical criteria for COVID-19 testing is frequently updated. The most recent information on COVID-19 can be found at:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>.

The current CDC criteria for laboratory testing includes:

“Clinicians should use their judgment to determine if a patient has signs and symptoms compatible with COVID-19 and whether the patient should be tested. Decisions on which patients receive testing should be based on the local epidemiology of COVID-19, as well as the clinical course of illness. Most patients with confirmed COVID-19 have developed fever and/or symptoms of acute respiratory illness (e.g., cough, difficulty breathing). Clinicians are strongly encouraged to test for other causes of respiratory illness, including infections such as influenza.

Epidemiologic factors that may help guide decisions on whether to test include: any persons, including healthcare workers, who have had close contact with a laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 patient within 14 days of symptom onset, or a history of travel from affected geographic areas within 14 days of symptom onset.”

CLH will continue to work hand-in-hand with the Hawaii State Department of Health, hospitals and healthcare providers to provide the most up to date information and testing options.

Thank you for choosing Clinical Labs of Hawaii.