

SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19)

New Test Update as of Tuesday, March 17, 2020

CLH Test Code:

4219

Test Name:

SARS-CoV-2 by RT PCR

Specimen type:

Nasopharyngeal Swab (NP) in viral transport media

Storage:

Refrigerate immediately upon Collection

Estimated Turn-around time:

3 days

Please contact your local CLH Supply Department for the COVID-19 test kit**Client Services**

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Effective March 10, 2020, Clinical Labs of Hawaii began offering testing for Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), the virus that causes coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The test is performed 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.



Ordering Information for Flu, Respiratory Viral Panel and COVID-19

March 20, 2020

To order COVID-19 test through Clinical Labs of Hawaii

Order COVID-19 Test (Code U685)
Submit CLH electronic or paper requisition
Requires (1) NP Swab in media

Clinical Labs of Hawaii Test Codes

Alpha Code	Numeric Code	Description	Action	Specimen Required**
INFAG	1260	Rapid Influenza A/B Ag	Rapid Flu Only	One (1) NP in Viral Transport Media (VTP)
INFAGX	3467	Rapid Influenza A/B Reflex to Flu PCR	Rapid Flu Negative-> Reflex to Flu PCR	One (1) NP in VTP
INPCR	3400	Influenza Viral A/B PCR	Flu PCR Only	One (1) NP in VTP
RESPCR	4106	Respiratory Panel PCR	Respiratory Panel PCR Only	One (1) NP in VTP
U685	4219	SARS-CoV-2 by RT-PCR	COVID-19 Only	One (1) NP or OP in VTP
RFLXCO	4220	Rapid Flu rfx CoV-2	Rapid Flu Negative ->Reflex to Covid-19	One (1) NP in VTP
RFLAGX	4221	Rp Flu rf PCR rf CoV-2	Rapid Flu Negative -> Reflex to Flu PCR Negative ->Reflex to Covid-19	One (1) NP in VTP
INXCOV	4222	Flu A/B PCR rf CoV-2	Influenza PCR Negative -> Reflex to Covid-19	One (1) NP in VTP

****UPDATE:** We combined our flu/respiratory panel kits and COVID-19 kits into ONE simple kit. Only ONE (1) nasopharyngeal swab in viral media is now required for any of the tests noted above. Per CDC recommendations, an Oropharyngeal (OP) swab is acceptable if NP swabs are not available if only ordering COVID-19. NP swabs are required for flu and respiratory testing.

All specimens must be labeled with Patient First & Last Name, DOB and Source of Specimen, e.g. Nasopharyngeal (NP).

Utilize only approved swab and media provided in the kit. Viral Transport Media caps must be securely tightened to avoid leakage.