

LAB2019 SARS-CoV-2 RNA, In House PCR (Cobas)

BMC

Additional Test Codes

LAB Orderable Only: LAB1902

Performing Location(s)

BMC

Preferred Container

Copan UTM-RT with Nasal Swab



Specimen Required

Nasal/nares swab

Supplies: Swab, Sterile Polyester

Container/Tube: Universal Transport Media

Specimen Volume: Entire specimen with a minimum of 1.5 mL (maximum 3 mL) of transport media.

Transportation Needs

Transport to lab as soon as possible. If immediate transport to the lab is not possible, specimen must be refrigerated.

Storage Requirements

Refrigerate for up to 72 hours.

Frozen samples in transport media are acceptable.

Causes for Rejection

Unlabeled, mislabeled specimen

Incorrect container type

UTM stored > 72 hours refrigerated

< 1.5 ml liquid in vial or > 3.0 ml liquid in vial

Source other than nasal/nares

No swab submitted in UTM

Calcium alginate-tipped swab, wooded shaft swab, or swab collection tubes containing gel or charcoal additive.

Expired collection container

Leaked in transit

eSwab

Dry swab

Reference Values

Negative

Method Name

Polymerase Chain Reaction, PCR

CPT Code

87635