

COVID-19 PCR Testing Specimen Collection Grid



Collection Type			Collection Method			
Healthcare Provider Collection	Directly Observed Self-Collection ¹	Pixel by LabCorp™ Self-Collection	Sample Type	Swab	Transport	Transport Examples*
+			Nasopharyngeal (NP) ²	Nasopharyngeal (NP)	Viral Transport Medium	Copan® (UTM)
						BD® universal viral transport (UVT)
						Puritan® UniTranz media
						ThermoFisher® M4, M5, and M6
						Hardy Diagnostics Healthlink UTM
						Starplex™ Scientific Multitrans
						Ruhof VTM 345TK-2
					ESwab™ (Liquid Amies)	Copan
						BD
					Saline	0.85%-0.9% Saline
+			Throat ²	Oropharyngeal (OP)	Viral Transport Medium	Copan (UTM)
						BD universal viral transport (UVT)
						Puritan UniTranz media
						ThermoFisher M4, M5, and M6
						Hardy Diagnostics Healthlink UTM
						Starplex Scientific Multitrans
						Ruhof VTM 345TK-2
					ESwab (Liquid Amies)	Copan
						BD
					Saline	0.85%-0.9% Saline
+	+	+	Nasal: Anterior Nares ⁴	Cotton swab, Flocked polyester, Spun polyester, Foam	Saline	0.85%-0.9% Saline
+	+		Nasal: Mid-Turbinate	Flocked tapered	Saline	0.85%-0.9% Saline
+			Nasopharyngeal (NP) Wash/Aspirate ⁵		Sterile Cup	
+			Oropharyngeal (OP) Wash/Aspirate		Sterile Cup	
+			Bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL)		Sterile Cup	

*Note: This is not a comprehensive list of transport examples that may be available.

Collection Type			Collection Setting
Healthcare Provider Collection	Directly Observed Self-Collection ¹	Pixel by LabCorp Self-Collection	
+	+		Hospitals
+	+		Healthcare providers
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1. [Directly Observed Self-Collection Guide](#)

2. [Nasopharyngeal/Oropharyngeal Collection Guide](#)

3. Pixel by LabCorp: <https://www.pixel.labcorp.com/covid-19>

4. [Anterior Nares Collection Guide](#)

5. [Nasopharyngeal Wash/Aspirate Collection Guide](#)