


Saint Joseph Mercy Health System Laboratory Visual Aid

CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS AND ORDERS

ATTENTION: CHANGE IN COVID-19 TESTING
PLEASE COLLECT ONLY ONE M4RT TUBE for FLU and COVID-19 TESTING

Send samples with a cold pack. Double bag specimens for transport.
 Results will be available in 2-4 days.

LABEL ALL M4RT MEDIA WITH SOURCE OF SPECIMEN.
 Contact Laboratory for further information.

SPECIMEN SOURCE	CONTAINER	NOTES
<p>Nasopharynx</p>	 <p>M4RT Viral Transport</p> <p>One tube will be shared for flu and COVID-19 testing if both tests are requested</p>	<p><i>Use the small wire swab for nasopharyngeal (NP) specimen collection. The large swab will not be used. Place the swab in the M4RT media after collection.</i></p> <p>Order LAB7883/SARSCoV-2 RNA Qualitative Real-Time PCR in EPIC</p> <p>If influenza testing is also needed: Order LAB 7609/ Rapid influenza A and B, molecular in EPIC</p> <p>IF RSV is required on pediatric patients, collect an NP swab and submit in a second M4RT.</p>



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