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Revised Coronavirus-2019 (COVID-19) Testing Guidelines


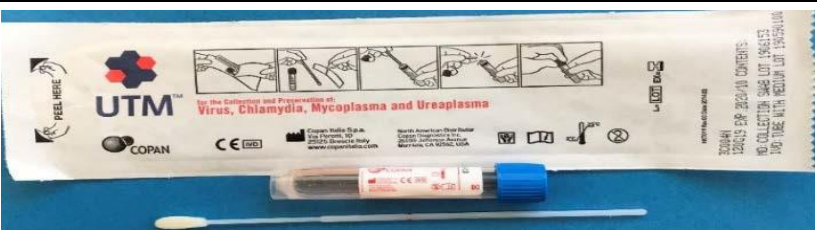

| Patient Status | Specimen Type | O/E Order |
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| Outpatients (Clinics and non-admitted Emergency patients) | 1 NP swab (preferred) OR 1 viral Throat swab | O/E: order both MIC-VIRESP and MIC-CORONA Source – NP or Throat |
| Inpatients (Admitted patients) | 1 NP swab And 1 viral Throat swab or Sputum or ET aspirate | O/E: order both MIC-FLURSV and MIC-CORONA Source – NP swab O/E: order only MIC-CORONA Source - Throat or Sputum or ET aspirate |

Specimen Type & O/E Test Code for Inpatient and Outpatient:

Notes:

- In Fraser Health, COVID-19 testing will ONLY be performed if CORONA is ordered.
In Fraser Health, COVID-19 testing IS NOT performed automatically on all specimens with FLU/RSV test requests.
- For results refer to PLIS, UCI, Excelleris or CareConnect. Ensure you have access to PLIS.
If you do not have access, sign up for access: http://fhpulse/clinical_resources/uci_network/Pages/Enrollment.aspx

Collection Containers:

| Specimen | Container | Collection |
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| Nasopharyngeal swab (NP Swab) Or Viral Throat swab IMPORTANT: Reserve the red top viral tube for pediatric patients | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Red top viral tube containing a pink liquid transport medium Or <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blue top viral tube containing a pink liquid transport medium Or <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hologics Aptima Unisex Swab Specimen Collection Kit <p>Note: Discard the Aptima Cleaning swab</p> |    |
| Sputum Or ET aspirate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sterile container | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collection requires a wide mouth screw cap container Instruct the patient not to spit into the sample container, but to take a deep breath and cough directly into the container |

Questions?

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