

For COVID-19 facts visit the [SFDPH website](#). For more information from the CDC, see <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

COVID-19 Testing at ZSFG

The Clinical Laboratory at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital provides testing with a turnaround time of less than 24 hours. The COVID-19 result will be available in Epic as soon as testing has been completed. To determine status of testing in Epic, refer to **COVID-19** order status in the table below.

Example: Friday at 22:07 COVID-19 Active - In process

Active – Collected (Date + Time)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Specimen has been collected ✗ Specimen has not been received in the lab (in transport or waiting for transport)
Active – In process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Specimen has been collected ✓ Specimen has been received in the lab ✗ Testing is in progress AND is not complete
Completed – Final result	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Specimen has been collected ✓ Specimen has been received in the lab ✓ Testing has been completed; result is final
Completed – Edited Result - FINAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Specimen has been collected ✓ Specimen has been received in the lab ✓ Testing has been completed; result was edited.

Reference Range: Not Detected

Test Interpretation: Negative (Not Detected) results do not preclude respiratory virus infection and should not be used as the sole basis for diagnosis, treatment or other management decisions.

COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS

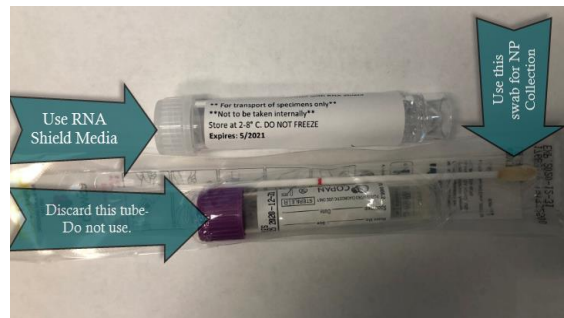
DO NOT SEND SPECIMEN USING PNEUMATIC TUBE for ZSFG Bldg. 25 and 5.

Send specimen directly to Microbiology Lab via messenger or courier service.

- 1. BD Flock Swabs with UVT for Upper Respiratory Tract collection (Refrigerate at 2-8°C if transport will be delayed more than 2 hours.)**
 - a. *Nasopharyngeal/Oropharyngeal collection kit* (NP/OP swabs):** The OP swab is optional. Use **ONE** Universal Viral Transport (UVT) tube for both swabs.



- **Nasopharyngeal:** The NP swab is a mandatory collection. Insert swab into nostril parallel to the palate, leave swab in place for a few seconds to absorb secretions. Swab both nares with the same swab, if possible.
 - **Oropharyngeal:** The OP swab is optional. Swab the posterior pharynx, avoiding the tongue.
 - **Place one OR both swabs into one UVT tube.**
- 2. Flock Swab with RNA shield media for Nasopharyngeal collection (stable at room temperature)**
 - **Nasopharyngeal:** insert swab into nostril parallel to the palate, leave swab in place for a few seconds to absorb secretions. Swab both nares with the same swab, if possible. **DISCARD** the purple top tube. Place the swab in the RNA shield tube (white top container) and send to the lab.



TURN AROUND TIME

1. **ZSFG Clinical Laboratory:** less than 24 hours
2. **SFDPH Laboratory:** 1 – 2 days. For results, check EPIC or to inquire about status of testing, call 415-554-2800.
3. **UCSF Clinical Laboratory:** 1-3 days
4. **Quest Laboratory:** 7-10 days