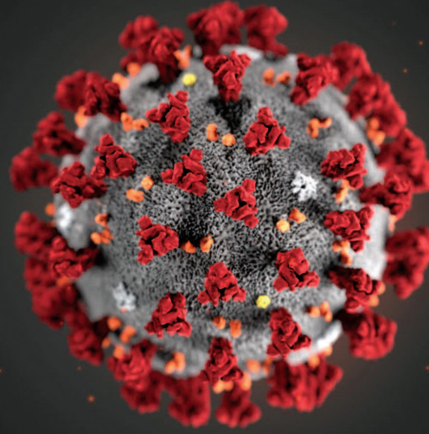




REFERENCE
Coastal Payments

TESTING FOR COVID-19



NxTAG COV EXPANDED PANEL AT ACCU REFERENCE

To address the recent outbreak of Coronavirus, ACCU Reference Medical Laboratory has partnered with Luminex to offer their unique, multiplex assay, using bead-based NxTAG technology. This assay includes the gene target for SARS-CoV-2, and has been validated following FDA guidelines under the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA).

Using this platform, ACCU Reference has the unique ability to offer thousands of this assay, every month, as well as our current FDA IVD respiratory panels. Physicians can now automatically reflex negative respiratory panels to the SARS-CoV-2 panel, without the need to acquire new patient samples, which results in a quick turnaround time.

MOLECULAR TESTING AT ACCU REFERENCE

ACCU Reference Medical Laboratory is a leader in the introduction and implementation of next generation molecular technology. This offers unprecedented accuracy, quick turnaround time, and unparalleled sensitivity.

MOLECULAR RESPIRATORY PANELS BY ACCU REFERENCE MEDICAL LABORATORY

REFLEX PANELS:

FLU EXPEDITED PANEL → RPP → COVID-19	TEST CODE: C499
FLU EXPEDITED PANEL → RPP	TEST CODE: C458
✓ RPP → COVID-19	TEST CODE: C459

RESPIRATORY PANELS:

✓ 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)	TEST CODE: C455
RESPIRATORY PATHOGEN PANEL	TEST CODE: RPP
FLU EXPEDITED PANEL	TEST CODE: U650

CRITERIA TO ORDER TESTING FOR COVID-19

Using their judgment, clinicians can test symptomatic patients for COVID-19. Decisions should be based on the recommendations of the CDC. Most patients with confirmed COVID-19 have developed fever and/or symptoms of acute respiratory illness (e.g. cough, difficulty breathing). Clinicians are strongly encouraged to test for other causes of respiratory illnesses, such as influenza and strep. (see box on bottom left)

Epidemiologic factors that may help guide decision on whether to test include: any person, including healthcare workers, who have had close contact with a laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 patient, within 14 days of symptom onset, or a history of travel from affected geographic areas, within 14 days of symptom onset.

Covid-19 TEST ORDERING CODE:

C455

RPP with REFLEX TO Covid-19 ORDERING CODE:

C459

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SPECIMEN COLLECTION FOR COVID -19 TEST:



NASOPHARYNGEAL SWAB:

Insert a swab into the nostril parallel to the palate. Leave the swab in place for a few seconds to absorb secretions.



SAMPLE STORAGE AND SHIPMENT:

Store specimens at 2-8°C for up to 72 hours after collection. If a delay in testing or shipping is expected, store specimens at -70°C or below.

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