



Coronavirus SARS Antigen Test Available for Approved Patient Groups **Effective Date:** December 3rd, 2020

Contact: Client Services

Update Description:

To provide increased testing for asymptomatic patients, IU Health Laboratory Services is now offering Coronavirus SARS Antigen testing for specific Emergency Department patients and Inpatients. Currently this test is only being performed in the IU Health Pathology Laboratory but will eventually be performed at the closest local laboratory.

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Who are the approved patient groups for Antigen?

- Inpatient: Asymptomatic admit (before double occupancy room: Ball Memorial, Methodist, University and Bloomington Hospitals)
- Inpatient: Asymptomatic discharge to facilities which require a negative COVID-19 test.

2. What is the Order Name?

Coronavirus SARS Ag (COVAg)

3. What is the Turn Around Time (TAT)?

- **11.30.20** (all tests are performed at IU Health Pathology Laboratory) TAT is 12-24 hours. Tests will be run 7 a.m. – 11 p.m. Monday- Friday, and 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.
- **12.14.20** (tests will be performed at closest local lab) TAT will be less than 2 hours and will be run during all shifts.

4. What kind of collection kit is used and where can it be obtained?

Collection kits can be obtained from the closest local laboratory or supply chain location (AHC only).

5. What kind of test sample is collected?

DRY Nasal Swab (placed in tube supplied with Ag collection kit- **NOTE: swab CANNOT be placed in VTM**)

6. How do I transport and store test samples?

Test Samples are stable for up to 48 hours at room temperature or 2° to 8°C. The sample must be placed within a sealed biohazard bag. Transport specimens to Central Processing (tube station number: 955) or to your local laboratory to be sent to Central Processing. It is acceptable to use the pneumatic tube system to deliver specimens to each local laboratory.



7. Where can I find additional information about this test?

Additional information for this test can be found on the IU Health Pathology Laboratory Test Directory.

Questions:

If there are any questions on test requirements or ordering, please call IU Health Pathology Laboratory Client Services at 317.491.6000. For any additional concerns or questions pertaining to Coronavirus SARS Antigen testing, please contact Dr. Michelle Zimmerman, Director of Clinical Chemistry, at 317.491.6558 or mkzimm@iupui.edu.