



Public Health
Laboratory

SPECIMEN COLLECTION, TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE
MOLECULAR AND SURVEILLANCE TESTING

Molecular Biology/Immunology/Surveillance Section/Emerging Disease/Microbiology Section

Test	Test to be Performed	CPT	Accepted Specimens	Transport Temperature	Normal Values	Turn around time
SARS-Cov-2 or Covid-19 PCR	SARS CoV-2 PCR	87635	Swabs in virus transport medium or saline: Nasopharyngeal, nasal, or throat	Cold pack	Not Detected	2 days
Respiratory Multiplex PCR	Respiratory Multiplex PCR	0241U			Not Detected: Flu A, Flu B, RSV, SARS-CoV-2	3 days
Norovirus PCR	Norovirus PCR	87798	Fresh stool in a sterile container	Clean container 4°C; cold pack	No Norovirus detected by PCR	3 days
Influenza Virus PCR, Screening or Clinical Lab Confirmation	Influenza PCR	87501	Nasal swabs in universal virus transport (UVT) media; nasal aspirates in sterile container.	Cold pack or frozen	No Influenza A or B Nucleic Acid detected.	7 days

For other tests not performed at the Fresno County Public Health Laboratory, contact the laboratory for instructions to submit testing for shipment to CDPH Microbial Disease Lab (MDL), CDPH Virus and Rickettsial Disease Lab (VRDL), or CDC.

Contact the laboratory for more detailed specimen collection instructions. Patient history required.

In outbreak situations, contact DPH Communicable Disease Section. Testing may be prioritized.