

To: All Regional Medical Laboratory, Inc. (RML) Clients

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Subject: New Collection Kits and Platform for SARS-CoV-2 PCR Testing

RML is pleased to announce the addition of a new collection device and testing platform to our lineup of SARS CoV-2 PCR testing. This new collection device uses media that is stable at room temperature and is designed for oropharyngeal (OP) or anterior nares collections. This type of collection is suggested for pre-surgical testing or patients in a non-hospital setting. All other previously approved media and swabs are still valid for testing in addition to this new media.

TEST NAME	MNEMONIC	TEST NUMBER
SARS-CoV2 by PCR	SARS-CoV2	6907557

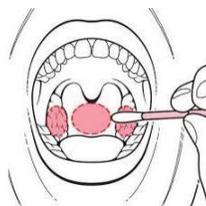
Collection kit: Aptima® Multi-test Swab Specimen Collection Kit



Stability: 15°C to 30°C up to 6 days or 2°C to 8°C up to 3 months

OP Collection:

Insert the swab into the posterior pharynx and tonsillar areas. Rub swab over both tonsillar pillars and posterior oropharynx and avoid touching the tongue, teeth, and gums.



Anterior Nares Collection:

Insert the swab at least 1 cm (0.5 inches) inside the nostril (naris) and firmly sample the nasal membrane by rotating the swab and leaving in place for 10 to 15 seconds. Sample both nostrils with the same swab.

After OP and Anterior Nares Collection: Immediately place the swab into the transport tube so that the score line is at the top of the tube. Carefully break the swab shaft at the score line against the side of the tube. Throw away the top of the swab, and close the tube. Transport room temperature or refrigerated. Do not freeze.

If you have any questions, please contact Client Services at 918-744-2500 or 800-722-8077.