

PDL UPDATE:

NEW Co-Test for COVID-19 & Influenza A/B PCR

WHAT IS NEW

Effective December 1, 2020, Pacific Diagnostic Laboratories (PDL) is pleased to announce the availability of SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) and Influenza A/B PCR co-testing from a single collection.

Note: The performance specifications of this test are intended for symptomatic patients.

Influenza A and B, plus COVID PCR		PDL Order Code: LAB10820
PROVIDERS SHOULD FOLLOW LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTION FOR INFLUENZA A/B and COVID-19 TESTING		
Order Information & Interface Code	Lab Code/Interface Code: LAB10820	Test Code: 1230118892
Acceptable sources	Nasopharyngeal (NP) or nasal	
Collection Kit	Universal Transport Media (UTM) or Viral Transport Media	
Specimen Volume	Preferred 3 mL Minimum 1 mL (will not allow for repeat testing if needed)	
Transport Temperature	Refrigerated	
Specimen Collection	<p>Nasopharyngeal (NP) collection must be performed by the physician or other healthcare provider</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Specimens should be collected and packaged according to standard practices.• Specimen pick-up/transport to PDL through the standard courier process.• Please DO NOT drop off specimens to a PDL PSC location or direct suspected COVID-19 patients to a Patient Service Center.• PDL does not offer any collection services for this testing at the Patient Services Centers. <p>Nasal collections must be performed by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Physician or other healthcare provider2. If self-collection is done it must be under the observation of a healthcare professional and follow CDC guidelines <p>PDL COVID Collection Sites are available by appointment only for symptomatic patients at Goleta and Santa Ynez.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A test order must be placed AND2. Patient must schedule an appointment by going online at www.pdlabs.com or calling 805-879-8100 or toll-free at 866-591-4610	
Turnaround Time	24 hours	
Public Health Reporting	PDL will report results to State Public Health <u>Providers</u> are required to report results to local Public Health	
Billing and Insurance	CPT 87636 Uninsured qualify under the HRSA: https://www.hrsa.gov/coviduninsuredclaim	
For additional information on the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), NAA visit the CDC website at: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/index.html		

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