

Des Moines Laboratory Update

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Coronavirus 2019 Novel Screening (COVIDQ) Collection Container Change

A new collection container is available for use when ordering **Coronavirus 2019 Novel Screening (COVIDQ)** testing. Conversion to this new container will allow for instrument-ready samples that will streamline pre-analytical processes and improve patient safety. Please use the Cobas PCR Media Uni Swab (available on the supply portal) for future COVID screening orders.

The swab included within the kit can be used for nasopharyngeal (NP) or nasal collection. Samples in Cobas PCR Media are stable for 48 hours when refrigerated.



NOTE: Respiratory Panel by PCR (RESPANPCR) and SARS-CoV2, Influa A, Influa B and RSV by PCR (CVDFLURSV) require viral transport media (VTM) and cannot be added onto Coronavirus 2019 Novel Screening (COVIDQ) testing collected in Cobas PCR Media.

24-Hour Urine Specimen Submission

To enhance the ability to transport and accurately assess 24-hour urine collections, please adhere to the recommended handling instructions when more than one urine collection container (jug) is needed.

Because of diurnal variation in the excretion of some analytes, it is important to submit a well mixed representation of all collection containers in a urine (sage) container for testing. A well mixed sample from each urine collection container may be submitted in multiple sage containers with the volume from each jug indicated on the submitted sage containers. Please submit all sage containers from a single 24-hour collection in one specimen bag with the test requisition.

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