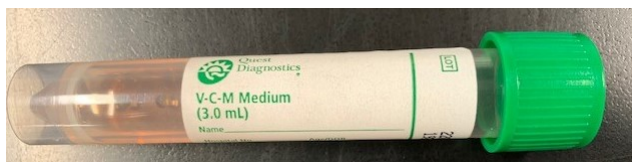


## IMPORTANT UPDATE: SARS-CoV2 (COVID-19) Testing – Test 907078

Please review the updates and reminders below regarding testing for SARS-CoV2 (COVID-19) which was announced in Client Gram volume 12.

### Supplies

- Due to significant demand, supply of ViroPak viral transport media (nasopharyngeal and throat swabs) is extremely limited. We are actively pursuing additional supplies and options, and will be limiting the quantities provided to help ensure they are available for all of our customers who are treating patients with acute symptoms of COVID-19.
- Note that eSwab Culture Swabs and Mini-tip Culture Swabs are NOT acceptable specimens for this testing.
- Alternatively, M4, V-C-M OR UTM viral transport media can be utilized for COVID-19 testing. Sonora Quest Laboratories does not supply these items, however if you have these supplies available, they can be submitted in lieu of the ViroPak viral transport media. Examples of these supplies are pictured below:



*V-C-M Medium with Green Cap*



*UTM Medium with Red Cap*



*M4 Media with Blue Cap*

### Sample Submission

- Order the COVID-19 test separately from any other tests on a separate requisition. Additional tests cannot be performed from the sample submitted and we are unable to add-on COVID-19 testing from previously submitted samples.
- If submitting both a nasopharyngeal and oropharyngeal (throat) sample, submit both swabs in one vial on a single order, or submit the vials separately on two separate orders.
- To ensure timely processing of samples for testing, the source **MUST** be written on the specimen container and included on the order.

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- Complete the ask-at-order-entry questions when placing your order to ensure timely processing of samples:

<b>Ask at order entry questions:</b>		
<b>Result Code</b>	<b>Result Name</b>	<b>Response Options</b>
98907078	Patient Symptomatic?	Y/N
99907078	Source:	Free text

- Samples must be collected by the healthcare provider. Sample collection is not available at Sonora Quest Laboratories Patient Service Centers and will not be performed by any Sonora Quest Laboratories phlebotomists, including in-office phlebotomists and our mobile diagnostic service staff. In-office, mobile diagnostics and Patient Service Center personnel may accept office collected samples that have been properly capped, labeled and placed in a zip locked specimen bag with the necessary paperwork included.

## Results

- Note that all COVID-19 test results are automatically sent to the Arizona Department of Health Services on a daily basis.

## Resources

- Please visit [www.SonoraQuest.com/coronavirus](http://www.SonoraQuest.com/coronavirus) for additional information and resources.

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