

COVID -19 Testing Option and Guidance Chart - Le Bonheur

Specimen Collection Method	Type of Swab/Media	Instrument Panel Type	Expected Result Time	Purpose of Test
Nasopharyngeal (NP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flocked swabs Viral Transport Media (VTM) 	Aries	2-3 hours	Pre-op/ Pre-procedure Urgent Symptomatic and Asymptomatic test
Oropharyngeal (OP), mid-turbinate, or NP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flocked swabs or regular cotton tipped swab VTM Saline 	Panther	4-6 hours	Routine Symptomatic or Asymptomatic test Testing when NP route not optional (facial injury, epistaxis, etc.)

* For more rapid result, collect NP using flocked swabs only and place in VTM.*

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Viral transport medium must be kept cold. Request collection supplies from micro lab when they are needed. Collect specimen promptly after receiving supplies. Specimens need to be in the lab within 30 min of collection. If not, they need to be walked to the lab on ice.
- CLEARLY LABEL specimen collection method clearly: **Example-** NP, OP or mid- turbinate (see below)
- All pre op/ pre procedure specimens for early surgeries should be in the lab by 0430.
- The latest time the specimen can be received to get same day results is 7pm.
- Include the colored paper labeled "OR" when sending Pre-op/ Pre-procedure specimens.

