

Memo

To: Allina Health Laboratory Affiliate clients

From: Allina Health Laboratory Outreach services

Date: November 10, 2020

Re: COVID-19 testing updates

Please continue to refer to the [MDH](#), Wisconsin [DHS](#) or [CDC](#) websites for the most current information available.

Supplies:

- Allina Health Laboratory will offer [COVID-19/Coronavirus sample collection kits](#) for this testing. These kits can be found by searching "Covid" in the supply catalog.
- Due to the continued shortage of supplies, as you place supply orders, you may receive various collection kits. All are acceptable to use for any of the sites you are sending to. Collection kits may have a sticker on them indicating OP or NP swabs and some kits may contain two swabs. Only one swab is needed for testing; the 2nd can be discarded.



- Sites should order minimal volumes for your sample collection needs, as shortages still exist, and supplies must be dispersed to all collection sites, both Allina Health and Affiliate. The supplies you receive may vary but be assured you will receive what is needed for testing at the sites you are sending to.
- Since the information is ever changing, please refer to the test catalog on our website for acceptable specimens. However, if the LabCorp, Mayo or MDH sites have a specific specimen type listed that we have not indicated, you are welcome to send it to us and we will send it on for testing.

Test catalog:

- The **AHL Test catalog** has the correct collection information for each testing location. *The COVID-19 collection* is for Allina Health use only.

Test/Result Information:

- **COVID-19 LabCorp (LAB14303)**

- ◇ Orders you are directing to LabCorp should be packing listed to the Central Lab
- ◇ To expedite handling at the AHL Central Lab, packing list and package these Covid samples separately from your other sendout samples
- ◇ Results for this test will come via interface to Excellian
- ◇ Result routing will follow the current result routing at your facility
- ◇ LabCorp will report these test results to the state departments
- ◇ LabCorp courier times at the Central Lab are: Monday-Friday: Ready by 8 pm. Saturday/Sunday: Ready by 2 pm.
- ◇ MDH forms do not need to be sent with this test. All needed information for reporting to the MDH or WISLH will be sent through the interface and reported to MDH and WISLH

- **COVID-19 Mayo 2 (LAB14334)**

- ◇ Orders you are directing to Mayo should be packing listed to the Central Lab
- ◇ To expedite handling at the AHL Central Lab, packing list and package these Covid samples separately from your other sendout samples
- ◇ Results for this test will come via interface to Excellian
- ◇ Result routing will follow the current result routing at your facility
- ◇ Mayo will report these test results to the state departments
- ◇ Mayo courier pickup times at the central lab are: Monday-Friday 10:30 am and 7:30 pm; Saturday 4:50 pm and Sunday/holidays at 4:30 pm
- ◇ MDH forms do not need to be sent with this test. All needed information for reporting to the MDH or WISLH will be sent through the interface and reported to MDH and WDH

- **COVID-19 External Aff (LAB14304)**

- ◇ Effective November 10, 2020 - All Affiliate sites will now use COVID 19 EXTERNAL AFF [LAB14304] for any COVID testing not explicitly sent through Allina Health
- ◇ To be used in place of an MSO (LAB994) when sending samples to MDH or WISLH
- ◇ The samples for MDH must be packaged as a pass through, but can still be sent with your regular Allina Health scheduled couriers
- ◇ MDH paperwork must accompany these specimens
- ◇ Samples for WISLH must be sent directly to WISLH from your facility
- ◇ Your site will be able to result this test
- ◇ Your site will need to scan the reports into this new orderable test, as it is not interfaced
- ◇ MDH courier pick up times at the central lab are: Monday-Friday 9:15 am; Saturday 7:45-8:45 am
- ◇ Discrete results will no longer be used for resulting. "See Separate Report Normal" & "See Separate Report Abnormal" will be the only result options
- ◇ Results will not be sent as "reportable" through the interface to MDH/WSHL

Additional Information:

- If you have a test built and interfaced in our system, results are being reported to the appropriate state department based on the patient's address.
- All canceled tests will be called to your site
- Positive test results will not be called to your site as they are not considered a critical result, and are not being called to Allina Health Laboratory by our referral labs.
- There are test questions to be answered for each COVID test and these can change as current circumstances dictate.

If you have any questions in regards to this information reach out to your account representative for assistance.