

## Coronavirus 2019 Update | ITCOVD Test

The Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Institute has implemented a new test, Intermediate Rapid COVID Test (ITCOVD), beginning on June 16, 2020. This test will be available for asymptomatic patients at Main Campus who are classified as inpatients or emergency department patients.

### Test Ordering

Upon order entry, the provider is required to answer the question as to whether the patient is symptomatic. If the answer is yes (symptomatic), the EXCOVD (Expedited COVID19 Test) should be ordered. If asymptomatic, proceed with ordering the ITCOVD test. For ED patients, one additional question for emergent surgery is also required. Inpatients have three additional questions regarding emergent surgery, admit from ED to ICU and admit to behavioral health.

### Specimen Collection and Transport

The ITCOVD order requires one of the following specimen types:

Specimen Type	Tube/Container
Nasopharyngeal Swab	Universal Transport Media
Nasal Swab	Saline
BAL, Sputum, Bronch Washing, Tracheal Aspirate	Sterile Container

**Transport at refrigeration temperature on cold packs or wet ice.**

Swab or Lower Respiratory Specimen Stability	Time
Refrigerated (2-8 °C)	72 hours
Frozen ( $\leq$ -70°C)	Up to 30 days

**Result Reporting:** Laboratory Client Services will notify ordering providers of any positive COVID-19 test results. Cleveland Clinic will report COVID-19 test results to the Ohio Department of Health.

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