


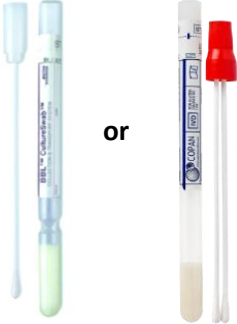



UNC MEDICAL CENTER COVID-19 PCR SPECIMENS

Website: <https://www.uncmedicalcenter.org/mclendon-clinical-laboratories/available-tests/covid-19-pcr/>

- Any acceptable specimen for COVID-19 PCR is also acceptable for Respiratory Pathogen Panel (RPP).
- Specimens should be kept **refrigerated** prior to shipment and **submitted with cold pack or on ice**. Do not freeze.
- See superscript ([§]) for swab/media approved for rapid molecular testing.

Specimen types	Collection devices	Example	Transport media
NP swab *Preferred specimen*	Wire or flexible shaft swab, snapped (if breakpoint present) or cut and placed in UTM or UNC provided PBS [§]		Dry (in transport tube), UTM or UNC provided PBS tube
	BD/Copan or Cepheid collection kit [§] If two swabs included, only use the smaller swab		Included (UTM)
NP swab or Nasal swab (mid-turbinate collection)	Eswab (blue or green) Nasal: swab both L and R nasal passages		Included (Amies)
Nasal swab (mid-turbinate collection) or Oropharyngeal (OP/throat) swab	Single or double swab [§] Nasal: swab both L and R nasal passages		Dry (in transport tube), UTM or UNC provided PBS tube
Alternative specimens: ➤ Tracheal aspirate ➤ Bronchoalveolar lavage/Bronchial wash ➤ Nasal aspirate/ nasal wash	N/A		Send straight in sterile specimen cup