Which labs could we work with?

Labs Accepting Samples Eligible for Fee-Exempt COVID-19 Testing

Exact Sciences

- 72 hour Turn-around time
- Nasal swab in saline
- Courier service: Gold Cross
- In Madison, serves all WI
- Acceptable patients: SEOC approval

Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene

- 48 hour Turn-around time
- NP, OP, Nasal, Sputum, BAL, post-mortem
- Courier service: Gold Cross
- In Madison, serves all WI
- Acceptable patients: DHS criteria

Marshfield Clinic

- 48 hour Turn-around time
- NP swabs
- Courier service: Marshfield system
- In Marshfield, serves Northern WI
- Acceptable patients: SEOC approval

Milwaukee Health Department Laboratory

- 48 hour Turn-around time
- NP, OP, Nasal, Sputum, BAL, post-mortem
- Limited courier service
- In Milwaukee, serves Milwaukee area
- Acceptable patients: DHS criteria

Wisconsin Reference Laboratories

- Accelerated Analytical Laboratories, Inc.
- Coppe Laboratories
- Exact Sciences
- Marshfield Clinic
- Midwest Respiratory Virus Program
- NOAH Clinical Laboratory
- Wisconsin Diagnostic Laboratories



Click to download contact information for reference labs

Which specimen collection methods should we use?

Choosing a COVID-19 Test Collection Method

(Upper Respiratory)

Specimen Type	Sensitivity	Comfort	Labs accepting	OK for Flu?	Orderable from SEOC?	
Nasopharyngeal (NP)	*****	*****	All	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	
Anterior nares (Nasal)	*****	****	Exact, WSLH	Maybe	✓ Yes	
Oropharyngeal (OP)	*****	*****	All	No	✓ Yes	
Mid-turbinate swab (MTS)	*****	*****	Coming soon	Maybe	Not currently	

Specimen Collection Methods

Specimen Collection Method	Who Can Collect?	Related Fee-Exempt Supplies	Where can specimen be tested?
Nasopharyngeal (NP)	Person trained by a medical professional	 Room Temperature Collection Kits Refrigerated Collection Kits Swab only Viral Transport Media (VTM) only Marshfield Clinic Collection supplies (order directly from Marshfield) 	 Marshfield Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene (WSLH) Milwaukee Health Department Laboratory (MHDL) Marshfield Clinic
Nasal Swab	Person trained by a medical professional	 Exact Sciences Collection Supplies and Laboratory Services Swab only (specify Nasal swabs) 	Exact SciencesWSLHMHDL
Oropharyngeal (OP)	Person trained by a medical professional	 Swab only (specify Nasal swabs, same swab as the nasal swab) 	• WSLH • MHDL
Observed Self- Swab	Observed by a person trained by a medical professional	 Nasal swabs only 	ExactWSLH

Which testing methods are available?

Types of Diagnostic Tests

Molecular

- Currently the most commonly used test
- Pro: Highly sensitive and specific
- Limitations: Time intensive and complex processing

Antigen

- **Pro:** Offer fast and scalable POC results
- Limitations: Lower sensitivity

Antibody

- Detect antibody response to document previous exposure to the virus
- Limitations: Not suitable for diagnosis of infections

Laboratory

- **Pro:** High throughput, quality and oversight
- Limitations: results take longer than POC tests

Point-of-Care (POC)

- **Pro:** Less complex processing with faster results
- Limitations: Lower sensitivity may require confirmatory laboratory testing

POC- CLIA Waived tests

Test	Method	Run time	Swab types	Confirmation?
Abbott ID Now	Molecular	5-13 min	NP, nasal, OP	Negatives
Cepheid GeneXpert	Molecular	40 min	NP, OP, nasal, mid- turbinate, nasal wash	no
Accula	Molecular	30 min	Nasal	no
Cue	Molecular	25 min	Nasal	Negatives
Quidel Sophia	Antigen	17 min	NP and nasal	Negatives
BD Veritor	Antigen	15 min	Nasal	Negatives

Symptomatic Antigen Testing strategy

