

# COVID-19 specimen collection guidelines



## LabCorp is an approved lab to test for SARS-CoV-2

- Order Lab2220.
- Specimens going to ODH need approval
- Can use specimen for RIDP and COVID-19 testing\*
- Specimen Type
  - Nasopharyngeal swab (NP)
  - Bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL)
  - Nasal washing/aspirate
- Specimen Collection Tools
  - NP swab (Flock swab)
  - Universal Viral Transport Media or M4 Transport Media
  - Sterile container (BAL, nasal washing/aspirate)
- Turnaround time
  - 4-6 days (from date of pick up)
  - Specimens may be refrigerated for up to 3 days or frozen 1 month

\* Updated information 3/26/2020