

## COVID-19 at Alverno Laboratories Testing and Collection Guidelines Update March 23, 2020

SARS-CoV-2 testing will begin at Alverno Laboratories' central laboratory in Hammond, IN on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 on the Abbott m2000 testing platform.

Specimen Triage: Due to limited testing resources, specimens will be triaged as follows:

- High acuity patient specimens will be kept at Alverno for testing.
  - TAT: 12-24 hours
- Non-high acuity testing will be performed at Alverno; if capacity is exceeded, these specimens will be sent to LabCorp for testing.
  - TAT: 12 – 24 hours (Alverno); 7 days (LabCorp)

The “high acuity” order is recommended for severely ill, hospitalized patients with signs and symptoms of COVID-19 or for residents of congregate living with possible or confirmed COVID-19 in a vulnerable population.

The “non-high acuity” order is recommended for those patients who are less severely ill but febrile and with co-morbidities such as lung, kidney or heart disease. These restrictions are meant to conserve test resources.

***Please note that if the testing capacity is exceeded at Alverno Laboratories, high acuity specimens will be prioritized and the overflow in specimens will be sent to LabCorp.***

Specimen Type:

- Nasopharyngeal specimen collected in Universal Transport Media (UTM).
- Due to limited resources, additional media is being validated; more information to follow.

Order Codes:

- High acuity Soft code: CO19H
- Non-high acuity Soft code: COV19

