



Public Health Division
Communicable Disease

County of Santa Cruz

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Instructions for Facilities **NOT Capable** of Shipping Directly to Santa Clara County Public Health Lab

This guidance is relevant for testing at a Public Health Lab, to be facilitated by Santa Cruz County Public Health's Communicable Disease Unit. This guidance is not relevant for testing through commercial labs.

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1. Sample Type (*specimen collection may be different for commercial labs*):

Nasopharyngeal swab in vial of VTM or equivalent ie. UTM, VCM.
Lower respiratory sample if patient is productive

2. Send Samples to:

Mon-Fri 8am-5pm
Gerrod Murai
Santa Cruz County HSA Laboratory
1080 Emeline Ave Bldg. D
Santa Cruz, CA 95060
Ph: 831-454-5445
Fax: 831-454-5000

After hours / Weekends

For afterhours send samples in the morning
For weekend samples send Monday morning

3. Fill out forms:

[CDC PUI Form](#)
[COVID-19 Public Health Laboratory Testing Form](#)

4. E-mail both forms to the contact information below, and send hard copies of both forms with samples to Santa Clara County:

E-mail forms to:
HSACD@santacruzcounty.us
Gerrod.Murai@santacruzcounty.us