

# Processing of COVID-19 Specimens

In response to some questions regarding the processing of COVID 19 specimens, please see below:

- Please indicate on the requisition if the specimen is from a Health Care Worker (includes physicians) and needs to be prioritized to inform a return to work decision. Write “URGENT-HCW” on the top of the requisition. Please note that processing is occurring as quickly as possible given the current staffing and the number of tests. We cannot currently estimate test result times. Please advise people being screened that the results will be communicated to them as soon as they are available.
- Please note that requisitions must be fully completed in order to be processed. Inpatient status, travel history and symptoms must be noted on the requisition. If they are not, the specimen may not be processed or will be set at lowest priority.