



Client Update

MARCH 23, 2020 – COVID-19

Test Name	Test Code	Effective Date
Comprehensive Respiratory Panel with reflex to COVID-19	M062	March 19, 2020

As you know, BioReference released information on Monday, March 16 about the availability of our Real-Time Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (Real-Time RT-PCR) COVID-19 assay. **We would like to inform you that we are now offering a reflex panel which first tests the Comprehensive Respiratory Panel, and if negative, will reflex to COVID-19 testing.** The Comprehensive Respiratory Panel provides comprehensive testing for upper respiratory infections, and simultaneously detects 17 viral and 4 bacterial infectious agents that present with similar symptoms. Please see below for test details.

BioReference Leadership continues to closely monitor the evolving situation pertaining to COVID-19, and will be in touch with further updates. Please visit <https://www.bioreference.com/coronavirus/> for more information pertaining to COVID-19.

Please contact your Account Executive or call Customer Service at 833-684-0508 with any questions. Please notify your local or state health department immediately in the event of a patient under investigation for COVID-19.

Test Information	
Test Code / Name	M062 - Comprehensive Respiratory Panel with Reflex to COVID-19
Primary Container	Dacron-tipped plastic swab with universal transport media (Speedy #510) May include one of the following: - M6 MicroTip Flock Swab - M4 MicroTip Flock Swab - M6 Universal Flock Swab - Star Swab
Alternate Container	Swab Viral Culturette (Speedy #509)
Turn Around Time*	3 Days
Transportation Temp	Refrigerate at 2-8 C
Stability	3 Days (Refrigerated); 30 Days (Frozen)
Methodology	Polymerase Chain Reaction
Reference Range	Not Detected
Collection Instructions	Nasopharyngeal Swab (NPS) collected according to standard technique and immediately placed in 1-3 mL of transport media. Room temperature for up to 4 hours (15-25 C). Refrigerated for up to 2 days (2-8 C). Frozen for up to 30 days (less than or equal to -15C or less than or equal to -70 C)
Collection Note	Patients under investigation of COVID-19 and seeking evaluation of the disease will not be collected at BioReference Patient Service Centers. Specimen should be collected at physician offices, hospitals or other clinic settings.
Profile Components	Viral: Adenovirus, Coronavirus HKU1, Coronavirus NL63, Coronavirus 229E, Coronavirus OC43, Human Metapneumovirus, Human Rhinovirus/Enterovirus, Influenza A, Influenza A/H1, Influenza A/H3, Influenza A/H1-2009, Influenza B, Parainfluenza Virus 1, Parainfluenza Virus 2, Parainfluenza Virus 3, Parainfluenza Virus 4, Respiratory Syncytial Virus. Bacterial: Bordetella parapertussis, Bordetella pertussis, Chlamydia pneumonia, Mycoplasma pneumonia If all negative, reflex to COVID-19
Price	List \$2476
CPT**	87486x1, 87581x1, 87633x1, 87798x1
Clinical Utility	Assess for various viral and bacterial infectious agents associated with symptomatic upper respiratory infection.

NOTE: When ordering tests, providers should only order tests that are medically necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of a patient, generally not for screening. Only a few screening tests are covered by most government and third party payers for certain conditions at specific intervals.

* TAT is based upon receipt of the specimen at the laboratory.

**CPT codes provided are based on AMA guidelines and are for informational purposes only. CPT coding is the sole responsibility of the billing party. Please direct any questions regarding coding to the payer being billed.