Children's Hospital LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY & LABORATORY MEDICINE

CHLA COVID Testing & Drive-Thru

SAMPLE REQUIREMENTS

- To avoid delayed testing, when making a correction to the requisition, please cross out the incorrect information and initial, like a legal document
- A COVID diagnosis code must be included for all COVID tests (Z20.828 or Z03.818). Any other code will deny payment for the COVID test as not medically necessary. If additional tests are ordered on the same requisition, include multiple diagnosis codes as needed
- Confirm all demographics on the requisition and test tube match EXACTLY and is legible so as not to delay testing or cause test to be cancelled
- Do not use nicknames. Legal names must be on both requisition and tubes to not delay testing
- The TAT for COVID tests is 24-48 hours after the lab receives the test, not the collection time in drive-through (or Courier pickup time)
- There are no STAT COVID tests, except through the ED
- Patients should have PPO insurance as stated on the requisition
- Results can only be released to the ordering physician on file---patients will NOT receive results if they call the Lab

For more information, please contact our Laboratory Service Center at: 877-543-9522