Des Moines Laboratory Update

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COVID Testing sent to State Hygienic Laboratory

MercyOne Des Moines Laboratory encourages our clients to work directly with the State Hygienic Laboratory (SHL) if they wish to refer COVID test samples to the SHL rather than to MercyOne Des Moines Laboratory. Due to limited testing options at the beginning of the pandemic, MercyOne did allow specimens to “pass through” to the SHL.

As the pandemic has continued, MercyOne has partnered with Corteva Agriscience to directly offer COVID PCR testing with a turnaround time of 48-72 hours. Please order the COVID testing as indicated below.

**Test Name:** Coronavirus 2019 Novel Screening (COVIDQ)

**Performing Laboratory:** Corteva Agriscience; Johnston, Iowa

**CPT:** U0003

**Specimen Requirements:** COVID 19 Test Kit-Saliva or NP

**Minimum Volume:** 0.5 mL saliva or NP swab cut off at top of tube

**Stability:** Refrigerated for 72 hours

**Rejection Criteria:** Non-refrigerated, liquid level below/above top of bar code on vial, leaking specimen, wrong collection vial, NP swab removed from tube

**Test Methodology:** Real-time PCR

**Turnaround time:** 48-72 hours

**Normal Range:** Not-detected

**Reportable Range:** Detected, Not-detected, Inconclusive

**Client List Price:** $105

**Patient/Insurance Price:** $135

If it is necessary to send samples to the SHL, please work with the SHL directly to submit orders, obtain specimen collection supplies, and arrange specimen transportation for COVID-related testing by calling 855-374-4692.

Please contact Teresa McDonough, Business Development Coordinator at 515-643-2701 with any questions.

Thank you for choosing MercyOne Des Moines Laboratory.