

Metapneumovirus PCR

Order Name: **METAPNEUMO**  
Test Number: 5575875  
Revision Date: 10/01/2022

TEST NAME	METHODOLOGY	LOINC CODE
Metapneumovirus PCR	Polymerase Chain Reaction	

SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS				
Specimen	Specimen Volume (min)	Specimen Type	Specimen Container	Transport Environment
Preferred	3 mL (1 mL)	Swab	Mini-Flocked Swab in Universal Transport Media (UTM)	Refrigerated
Alternate 1	3 mL (1 mL)	Nasal Wash	Sterile Screwtop Container	Refrigerated
Alternate 2	3 mL (1 mL)	Bronchial lavage/wash	Sterile Screwtop Container	Refrigerated
Instructions	<p><b>The preferred specimen is mini-Flocked Swab in Universal Transport Media (UTM)</b> (Comes as a kit: Supply# 50775), BD Viral Transport Media (VTM) or M4. Keep swabs refrigerated, Stability 7 days refrigerated. Also acceptable 3mL(1mL) BAL or NP/Nasal/Tracheal Aspirate Sterile Screwtop tube Refrigerated. <b>Unacceptable Spcimens: Eswabs, Caclium Alginate or Wooden Shaft Swabs.</b></p>			

GENERAL INFORMATION	
Testing Schedule	In season: Daily. Out of season: Mon, Wed, Fri
Expected TAT	1-3 Days
Notes	PCR detection of the pathogen's RNA or DNA will provide a more sensitive and specific method when compared to the DFA method.
CPT Code(s)	87798
Lab Section	Molecular Diagnostic