

LAB ALERT: Expanding Capacity for COV19 PCR Testing

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Dear Regional Pathology Services Clients,

UNMC and its partner Nebraska Medicine have been working tirelessly to continually expand the COV19 testing capacity to meet the needs of the community. We have added an additional testing platform, the Panther from Hologic that is another molecular assay for the detection of active infection with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19 disease.

This platform is also a high-throughput assay that will boost efficiency and turnaround time as we continue to fight this pandemic.

Effective 5/13/20 when clients order the test code [COV19](#) it can be performed on three different platforms. Which platform gets used will be displayed on the client invoice, if applicable. Client and insurance fees are the same for all.

Billing Code	High-Throughput	Testing Platform	CPT Code
COV19	Yes	Roche Cobas	U0003 (Medicare: U0004)
HOCOVB	Yes	Hologic Panther	U0003 (Medicare: U0004)
NECOVB	No	Molecular assay	87635 (Medicare: U0002)

If you have questions about this testing please contact your account manager.

Please note that this information changes frequently. We will inform clients of any new updates as they become available.