COVID-19 Test Requisition (North Zone)
Instructions for Use by Emergency Departments, Urgent Care Centres, Ambulatory Clinics

Attached is a revised requisition, to be used as part of COVID-19 testing, by all hospital ambulatory clinics, EDs and UCCs doing asymptomatic testing for COVID-19 in the North Zone. These sites are expected to continue to use their current ordering processes for clinical testing of symptomatic patients.

To comply with Accreditation standards, it is critical that information be as accurate and complete as possible. Missing or inaccurate information may lead to a delay in processing the specimens or may result in specimens being rejected.

The requisition can be downloaded from the following site:

https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/frm-21598.pdf

Patient Demographic Section
Ensure the Personal Health Number (PHN) is accurate and matches identification provided by the person being swabbed. If the person being swabbed is a resident of another province, ensure that the province of residence associated with the PHN is identified on the requisition.

The last and first names must match the last and first names of the identification. If you are using a label or a preprinted requisition form, and the preprinted demographic information does not match the identification that is presented at the time of testing, you must correct the information on the requisition.

Provider(s) Section
The Authorizing Provider for the North Zone is Dr. Kristin Klein. Do not modify the information provided in this form.

Family Physician
If the patient consents and provides the name of their family physician, this should be included in the Copy To field and the lab will automatically send results to that physician.

If the test is being ordered under a Medical Officer of Health, and the physician in the ED / UCC / ambulatory clinic wants results pushed to them, the physician’s name can be added to the second Copy To field. Otherwise, they will be notified of a positive result through contact tracing.
First Nations Clients Living on Reserve
If the First Nation client’s place of residence is on reserve, please add Dr. Yacoub to the copy to field, as follows:

Dr. Yacoub, Wadieh Ramses
Canada Place, 730-9700 Jasper Ave NW, EDM
780-495-3391

If the requisition is to be copied to another provider, ensure that the provider name in the copy to field(s) identifies the full name, address and phone number of the provider. Do not use abbreviations, and confirm correct spelling of the provider. Missing information and inaccuracies in this section may lead to delays in processing the specimen and delivering results to this provider.

Specimen/Type Source – Specify Section
Date Collected/Time Fields
The Date Collected, Time fields on the requisition must be completed and must match the information on the specimen. Discrepancies between the two may lead to a delay in processing the specimen or to a rejection of the specimen.

Outbreak (EI) Field
If you are undertaking swabbing activities at a site that is part of an Outbreak, you must enter the assigned outbreak number in the Outbreak (EI) field.

Specify Other Serology and Molecular Tests Fields
In the Specify Other Serology and Molecular Tests section, identify if the specimen is for COVID-19 only testing or for COVID-19/Respiratory Pathogen Panel testing.

Select the appropriate type of Swab (Nasopharyngeal or Throat) in the Swab section.
Provide Clinical History or Reason for Testing Section
The requisition must identify if the person being swabbed is symptomatic or asymptomatic at time of testing. Select only one.

Provide Clinical History or Reason for Testing below - Testing Reason for Testing
Investigation for COVID-19 exposure
Check ONE:  □ Symptomatic   □ Asymptomatic

You must identify if the person being swabbed is immunocompromised or not. Select the appropriate box. If yes is selected, provide details.

Immunocompromised
□ No   □ Yes (details) ________________________

Consent Section  
Effective September 10, 2020, Albertans will be given a choice as to how results can be communicated to them.

You must ask the person being swabbed if he/she consents to receiving notification of either a positive or negative result via SMS text message, automated voice message or phone call. If the consent field is not checked, it will be assumed that the person has not consented and this may lead to delays in communicating results to the person.

If the person consents to receiving results via SMS text messaging, they must provide a number that can receive a text message.

If the person consents to receiving results via automated voice message (automated dialer), they must provide a valid telephone number that can receive voice messages directly, without an extension. This must be a valid telephone number that can receive voice messages directly. If a valid phone number is not identified in this section, this will lead to delays in communicating results to the person.

Consent
Contact Preference for COVID-19 Results:
□ Text   □ Automated Dialer   □ Phone call from AHS
Phone number: ______________________________
Health Care Worker

Emergency Department/Urgent Care Centre/Ambulatory Clinic Swabbing
You must identify if the person being swabbed is a healthcare worker or not. If you are swabbing a patient at your ambulatory clinic, answer ‘No’ to the question ‘Health Care Worker?’

If the person being swabbed is a healthcare worker: The requisition asks to identify whether or not the healthcare worker works at a long-term care (LTC) or Designated Supportive Living (DSL) site. Ignore this question. It is intended to be used for LTC and DSL staff and residents who are being tested.

You are required to identify the acute care facility that is associated with your ambulatory clinic. There are three fields to assist you in identifying this information:

Identifying LTC/DSL OR ED/UCC/Ambulatory Clinic Sites
You are required to identify the acute care facility that is associated with your ambulatory clinic. There are three fields to assist you in identifying this information:

Full Facility Name: Enter the full name of the facility, e.g., Athabasca Health Centre - Ambulatory

Location Code: Enter the exact location code assigned to this facility. The full list hospitals in the North Zone is on the back of this requisition (or on page two of the electronic version of the requisition), e.g., ATH ABHCA (note: Ensure there is a space between the 3-digit city/town and the code for the hospital name). IF the location code is not listed in the Appendix, enter NOT FOUND ON LIST. This location code is a required field.

City or Town: This is a free text field and is intended to be used for quality control, to verify that the correct location code was used on the requisition. E.g., Athabasca. This will ensure that if an incorrect location code is used, the correct location can be identified at time of processing the specimen.