

# LABCORP SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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## 2019 Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

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The 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) is an infection of global public health significance. If you are either considering a diagnosis of 2019-nCoV, or if you are seeking to rule out 2019-nCoV in a patient, please first contact your local or state health department for consultation with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

CDC has published criteria to assess the patient for consistent symptoms and stated risk factors (see link below). If the patient is then suspected of having 2019-nCoV, contact your state public health laboratory for further instructions. Patients should be evaluated and discussed with public health departments on a case-by-case basis if their clinical presentation or exposure history is equivocal (eg, uncertain travel or exposure). Specimens from the patient for diagnostic testing for 2019-nCoV would then be collected and sent by you to a specified laboratory as directed by the public health laboratory or CDC.

- LabCorp does **not** collect or process specimens from patients confirmed to have or suspected of having 2019-nCoV.
- LabCorp does **not** test specimens to rule out 2019-nCoV.
- Do **not** submit specimens to LabCorp for any testing from patients suspected for 2019-nCoV until laboratory testing is completed by the CDC and 2019-nCoV has been ruled out.
- Do **not** send patients suspected for 2019-nCoV to LabCorp for specimen collection until laboratory testing is completed by the CDC and 2019-nCoV has been ruled out.

No commercial test is currently available for 2019-nCoV and this virus cannot be detected by our existing Respiratory Pathogen Profile. If an opportunity arises where LabCorp can perform testing in support of efforts to control and manage the current 2019-nCoV outbreak, LabCorp will communicate that information, including details for ordering the test.

**For 2019-nCoV criteria, visit the CDC website at:**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/clinical-criteria.html>

**For more information from the CDC about 2019-nCoV, visit the CDC website at:**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

