

**Medical Diagnostic Laboratories (MDL)** now offers the SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) by Real-Time Reverse Transcription PCR (CDC N1, N2, RP targets) which has been approved by the New Jersey State Department of Health and in accordance with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) emergency use authorization (EUA) policy. This test has not been FDA cleared or approved. This test has been submitted for authorization by the FDA under an EUA for use by authorized laboratories.

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is an acute respiratory disease caused by a viral infection with severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). The virus, which has infected and caused deaths of over 4 million people worldwide, has rapidly escalated to pandemic status since it first appeared in Wuhan, China in December 2019. Additional cases have now been reported in the United States. An infection with coronavirus 229E, NL63, OC43, or HKU1 is not the same as a COVID-19. Patients with COVID-19 are evaluated and cared for differently than patients with common coronavirus diagnosis.

## **Test No. 1131**

SARS-CoV-2 [COVID-19] by Reverse Transcription Real-Time PCR (CDC N1, N2, RP targets)



- NasoSwab® specimen collection for adult patients ONLY (may be self-collected on-site)
- Specimens should be refrigerated until ready for transport and shipped within 72 hours of collection



- RNA amplification via RT-PCR technology
- High precision robotic accuracy
- High diagnostic sensitivity & specificity
- 24 48 hour turnaround time
- A separate NasoSwab® specimen is required when ordering testing for other respiratory pathogens for differential diagnosis







## What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

Common signs of infection may appear 2-14 days after exposure and include:

- · Fever
- · Cough
- Shortness of breath & breathing difficulties

In severe cases, infection can cause:

- Pneumonia
- · Severe acute respiratory syndrome
- Kidney failure
- Death

People with heart and lung disease, weakened immune systems, and older adults are at higher risk for lower respiratory tract illness.

## How is COVID-19 spread?

This virus is spread person-to-person by someone who is currently sick with COVID-19 through:

- Respiratory droplets produced while coughing and sneezing
- Close personal contact (i.e., within about 6 feet)
- · Touching or shaking hands

It may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes, but this is not reported to be the primary way the virus spreads.





