

COVID-19 Specimen Collection and Rapid Point of Care Testing Standing Order

[INSERT LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT DIRECTOR NAME]

[INSERT DATE ISSUED]

This standing order authorizes specific Virginia Department of Health (VDH) staff or Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) trained personnel to collect anterior nasal swabs for the purpose of performing rapid, point of care (POC) antigen testing for the detection of SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19). This standing order also authorizes specific VDH staff or MRC trained personnel to perform the rapid, point of care antigen test.

VDH and MRC Personnel Authorized to Collect Anterior Nasal Specimens:

- Registered Nurses (RNs)
- Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) serving under the supervision of an RN, physician (MD or DO), or Nurse Practitioner (NP)
- Pharmacists serving through a [special authorization](#)
- Nurse Midwives, Nurse Anesthetists, and other Nurse Practitioners, who are not Family Nurse Practitioners or who are acting on behalf of VDH and are not within their practice agreements, are to collect specimens under their RN license.
- Active duty Virginia National Guardsmen based on their existing protocols
- *Collecting nasal swabs is not within the scope of practice of Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs)*

VDH and MRC Personnel Authorized to Perform Rapid, Point of Care Antigen Testing:

- Any individual within their scope of practice to perform waived laboratory tests, and has received appropriate training and demonstrated competency to their supervisor or the CLIA Lab Director. The training and competency must be documented in TRAIN per agency policy.

Period of Effect: This standing order is in effect for one year from the date of signature.

Printed Name of Local Health Director / Clinician

Signature of Local Health Director / Clinician

Date Signed