

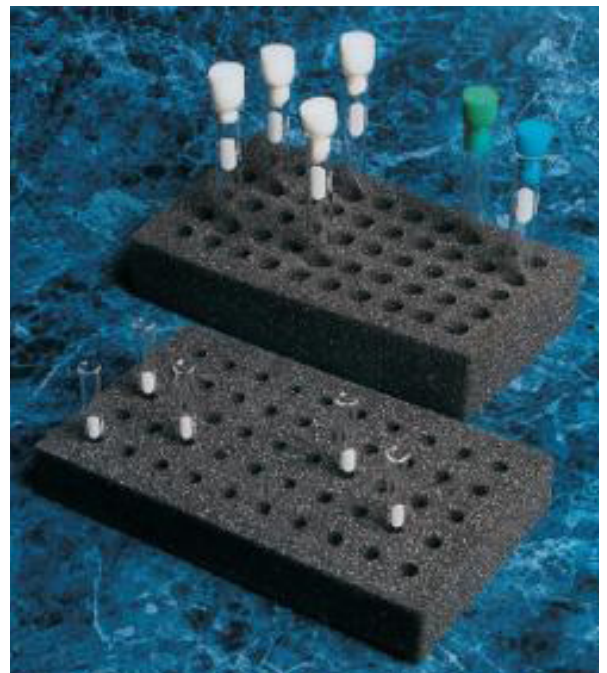
COVID-19 DIAGNOSTIC TESTING

Specimen Shipping Requirements

To protect people and the environment from the risks of hazardous materials transportation, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration has provided Packaging and Shipping guidance for SARS-CoV-2 specimens. For complete information, refer to the [Interim Laboratory Biosafety Guidelines for Handling and Processing Specimens Associated with Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#) U.S.

SPECIMEN SHIPPING QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

- 1** Complete a COVID Requisition for each specimen.
- 2** Place each specimen in a decontaminated, sealed tube (primary packaging). Any universal transport media (UTM), viral transport media (VTM) or sterile saline in 1 mL or 3mL volume is accepted.
- 3** Stand each sealed tube in foam rack to ensure tubes do not make contact with each other and that tubes remain standing during shipping.
- 4** Place foam rack in a biohazard bag (secondary packaging) and seal according to manufacturer instructions. If specimens will ship without delay, store specimens at 2-8°C, and ship overnight on ice pack. If specimens are not being shipped within 48 hours of collection, the samples should be kept frozen and shipped overnight to CSI on dry ice.*
- 5** Place sealed specimen rack in supplied "UN3373 Biological Substance, Category B" box for shipping.
- 6** Place completed requisition forms in the UN3373 box outside of the primary and secondary specimen packaging and seal box.



PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL COVID-19 SAMPLES MUST BE SHIPPED SEPARATELY FROM ONCOLOGY SAMPLES.

Contact your Account Manager or Client Service at clientservice@csilaboratories.com or 800-459-1185 with any questions.

* Dry ice not provided by CSI Laboratories.