

COVID-19 Swab & Go Testing - Workflow for Independent (non-VMG) Providers

- VMG has COVID-19 “swab & go” testing sites in Mahwah & Paramus.
Hours for both sites M-Sa 9a-5p; Su 9a-2p.
- **We are now testing any patient who is symptomatic**
- Independent providers are now able to send patients for COVID-19 “swab & go” testing – **please review the steps below in order to refer a patient:**
 - **Patient must be symptomatic:**
 - Fever (over 100.4)
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath
 - Diarrhea
 - Loss of taste / smell
 - **Provider must have an account with either LabCorp or Bioreference.**
 - **Bioreference:** Turnaround time for results 3-4 days. If you do not have an account, contact Kyle Sala at 201-543-4115. The turnaround time for setting up a new account is 24 hours. They will need address, phone, fax, and name & NPI of ordering provider.
 - **LabCorp:** LabCorp turnaround time for results is 3-4 days. If you do not have an account, contact Rosangela Tumminia 201-575-0719.
 - **Ordering a COVID-19 test for a patient:**
 - **Bioreference:** Provider must complete paper lab requisition in full as they would if they were sending the result from their office. For Bioreference, use test code TH68 (nasopharynx, preferred), or test code TH69 (oropharynx).
 - **LabCorp:** Provider must complete paper lab requisition in full as they would if they were sending the result from their office. For LabCorp, use test code 139900 (SARS-CoV-2)
 - **Fax completed lab requisition** - Please write all information clearly.
 - If sending patient to Mahwah location, fax to Mahwah office **201-962-9735**.
 - If sending patient to Garden State Plaza location, fax to Garden State Plaza office **201-368-4444**
 - **Instruct Patient**
 - **If sending to Mahwah**, direct patient to go to 1400 MacArthur Blvd., Mahwah, NJ 07430 for testing.
 - **If sending to Paramus**, direct patient to Garden State Plaza, enter the Parking Garage A (upper level) next to Nordstrom.
 - Patient will drive through parking garage and show ID. Staff will swab the patient and provide CDC discharge instructions reinforcing self-isolation, when to call the doctor, etc. Advise patient that results can take up to 5 days.
 - **Follow-up on Results**
 - All results will be faxed back to the ordering provider from the lab.
 - Provider must notify patient of all results.
 - For all positive results, provider must notify local board of health in the town in which patient resides. At minimum they will want to know date of symptom onset, symptoms, test result, and patient occupation.
 - The lab will notify the NJDOH of all positive results.