Placing Lab Order for COVID-19

This tip sheet outlines how to search for and place an order for COVID-19 Coronavirus RNA Lab 4920.

1. Search for “covid” in the Add Order field within the visit taskbar:

2. Complete the necessary fields within the order:
   a. Take note of the Process Instructions for Hospital or ED based orders.
   b. Collection Class will default as Clinic Collect for Ambulatory orders or Hospital Collect depending on the location where the order is placed.
   c. Designate the specimen type
   d. Answer the screening questions with patient’s response to each. You can add comments in the field next to the yes/no selections.
   e. The resulting agency will default to the Hospital Cerner lab based on the facility in which the order is paced.
      i. For Ambulatory orders select Quest or LabCorp – Ambulatory orders should not be sent to any Cerner lab at this time.
   f. Click Accept
Associate a diagnosis with the order
To associate a diagnosis for the order, click on either the DX Association icon or the unconnected rings next to the order.

Search for and choose a clinically appropriate diagnosis and Click Accept

Sign the Order

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If a patient does not meet CDC guidelines for testing, when the order is signed, an Order Validation notification will appear with the following message:

Cancelling the Order
If you receive the above Order Validation message upon attempting to sign, you can cancel by hovering over the order and clicking on the X.