

# SAMPLE SUBMISSION

Hologic® COVID-19 PCR Testing Kit for Panther Use

## ATTENTION

### USE ONLY THE MATERIALS PROVIDED.

Substitution of swabs or media will invalidate the test and *the sample will be rejected.*

## A | Kit Contents



- 50 Aptima® Multitest Nasal Swabs
- 50 Hologic® Direct Load Specimen Collection Tubes containing Specimen Transport Medium (STM)
- 50 Biohazard Bags with absorbent sheets

## B | Sample Collection



- Collect the nasal swab and place the swab into the tube (collection instructions at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wVTDDMu\\_nVs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wVTDDMu_nVs))
- Break the swab at the break point to fit into the tube.
- Firmly tighten cap. **Leaking samples cannot be tested.**

## C | Label and Package the Sample



- Label the tube with patient name and date of birth.
- Place the sealed tube and absorbent pad into the biohazard bag.
- Place the Test Request Form in the **outside pocket** of the biohazard bag. Do not place the form inside the bag or staple to the outside of the bag.
- If sending multiple samples, place all packaged samples into a larger bag or box.
- After collection, specimens in the Hologic Direct Load Tube may be stored at 2°C to 30°C up to 6 days
- Label the outer-most packaging with
  - 1) "COVID-19", 2) From: Your facility name, 3) To: SHL

## D | Return the Sample

Samples may be delivered to SHL via CDS courier, shipped by UPS or FedEx overnight, or in person during business hours. Visit <https://covidtesting.shl.uiowa.edu/> > Specimen Delivery for details.