

	1219	COVID 19 Specimen collection
Nor-Cal EMS Policy & Procedure Manual	Treatment Guidelines	
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Authority

Health and Safety Code Division 2.5, California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9.

Purpose

To authorize EMT, AEMT and paramedics to collect testing samples for COVID.

Policy

Completion of Nor-Cal EMS COVID training and testing must be completed prior to EMS personnel utilizing this procedure, with a copy of training roster with the sponsoring Provider Agency.

Organizations/Agencies shall notify Nor-Cal EMS of intent to utilize EMS personnel for testing, and understanding they are responsible for ensuring all proper PPE is provided and CQI of this skill is completed.

Types of testing allowed- Nasopharyngeal Swab (NP swab), as well as Anterior nasal swab for the BinaxNOW (Or similar); as directed by our partners in Public Health and local hospitals