Instructions for Facilities **NOT Capable** of Shipping Directly to Santa Clara County Public Health Lab

This guidance is relevant for testing at a Public Health Lab, to be facilitated by Santa Cruz County Public Health’s Communicable Disease Unit. This guidance is not relevant for testing through commercial labs.

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1. **Sample Type** (*specimen collection may be different for commercial labs*):
   Nasopharyngeal swab in vial of VTM or equivalent ie. UTM, VCM.
   Lower respiratory sample if patient is productive

2. **Send Samples to**:
   Mon-Fri 8am-5pm
   Gerrod Murai
   Santa Cruz County HSA Laboratory
   1080 Emeline Ave Bldg. D
   Santa Cruz, CA 95060
   Ph: 831-454-5445
   Fax: 831-454-5000
   
   **After hours / Weekends**
   For afterhours send samples in the morning
   For weekend samples send Monday morning

3. **Fill out forms**:
   [CDC PUI Form](#)
   [COVID-19 Public Health Laboratory Testing Form](#)

4. **E-mail both forms to the contact information below, and send hard copies of both forms with samples to Santa Clara County**:

   E-mail forms to:
   HSACD@santacruzcounty.us
   Gerrod.Murai@santacruzcounty.us