

- Potential reinfections
- Patient presenting from areas or clusters experiencing rapid transmission, elevated attack rates or elevated percent positivity
- Returning travelers from out-of-state who have tested positive for SARS-CoV-2, or patients who have tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 and have been in contact with recently returned travelers
- Confirmatory testing of presumptive positive or presumptive negative results from SARS-CoV-2 antigen tests
- Local health department requested tests

In each of these instances, if a specimen tests positive for SARS-CoV-2 and meets cycle threshold criteria for sequencing, it will be automatically sequenced. Providers are encouraged to work with their local laboratories and local health departments to streamline test ordering through NPHL. This testing through NPHL continues to be paid for by CDC grants.

Instructions to order testing at NPHL for SARS-CoV-2, influenza A, and influenza B

- Use NUIrt (NPHL's Internet-based, electronic lab information system) to complete an order for NCOVFL – COVID-19 and Influenza A/B multiplex RTPCR assay. To access NUIrt, click here (<https://nulirt.nebraskamed.com>) using your existing NUIrt account. If you are a new user, follow the link to register and create a new account. Please complete all of the requested data fields included with the Ask On Entry (AOE) questions. A properly completed requisition is required for order processing. For orders created electronically, submitters should print a completed batch list to accompany the specimen by clicking within the NUIrt system. For issues related to NUIrt access, contact the NUIrt support group via email nulirtsupport@nebraskamed.com or contact client service representatives at 402-559-2440; or toll free: 1-866-290-1406.
- Specimen Collection Requirements (NPHL only): One nasopharyngeal swab should be placed in a single tube of transport medium provided by NPHL. See Collecting and Handling COVID-19 Laboratory Specimens, <http://www.nphl.org/> . To order specimen collection kits, please complete this survey: <https://redcap.link/yiro9omf>