

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Biosesix® SARS-CoV-2 Droplet Digital PCR (ddPCR™) Test

QUESTION	ANSWER
What is your test's name?	Biosesix® SARS-CoV-2 ddPCR™ Test
What does your test measure/detect?	The test is a triplex assay that detects two regions of the SARS-CoV-2 N gene (N1 & N2) and the human Rpp30 gene, which is used as an internal control.
What technology does your test use?	Bio-Rad ddPCR
What differentiates your test platform from other technologies?	Recent studies have shown that ddPCR-based testing is more sensitive than qPCR, specifically in the reduction of false negative results. ^{1,2}
When will your test be available?	The test was made available on April 6, 2020.
Who can order your test?	Physicians can only order the test if it is available to their healthcare system.
What is your testing turnaround time?	If the specimen is received in the lab prior to 2:30 PM MT, test results should be available in 24-48 hours.
What are your laboratory certifications?	The Biosesix Boulder, Colorado laboratory is a CLIA/CAP accredited, ISO 13485 certified and NYS CLEP approved high-complexity clinical laboratory.
Are you seeking FDA emergency use authorization (EUA)?	Yes, Biosesix has submitted an EUA with the FDA.
When do you expect to receive EUA?	The Biosesix SARS-CoV-2 ddPCR test is currently in review with the FDA.
What is your test capacity?	Biosesix's current test capacity is 2,400 tests per day. Biosesix plans to scale capacity as the need arises.
What is the list price of your test?	Medicare has set the price of \$100. The Biosesix SARS-CoV-2 ddPCR test list price is \$100.

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Is the test covered by insurance?	Yes, Medicare has set the rate for non-CDC developed tests at \$100. Congress recently passed the Families First Coronavirus Response Act which ensures that patients will not have any copay, coinsurance, or deductible for the testing.
Do you provide sample collection kits?	Biodesix has the ability to provide sample collection kits upon request.
What sample types are you accepting for testing?	Biodesix will accept and process any respiratory samples including, nasopharyngeal (NP), BAL, saliva, sputum, at home nasal swabs, anterior nasal, mid-turbinate and oropharyngeal (OP).
What are your sample collection protocols?	Please follow the recommendations for sample collection outlined by the CDC. ³
What are your sample storage protocols?	Store samples at 2-8°C for up to 72 hours after collection. If a delay in shipping is expected, store samples at -70°C or below. ³
How are samples shipped to your laboratory?	Samples will be shipped to the Biodesix laboratory by courier or FedEx. Biodesix will work with your institution to coordinate a shipping schedule and pickup location.
What are your sample shipping requirements?	Please refer to the <i>Biodesix SARS-CoV-2 ddPCR Testing Specimen Collection, Packaging, and Shipping Requirements</i> document for more information.
Does your laboratory accept samples on the weekend?	Biodesix accepts samples 7 days per week from 8 AM to 4 PM.
What are the criteria for sample rejection?	Biodesix will make every effort to process each sample received, except in cases where the received sample is compromised (broken, leaking, low volume of transport media).
What are the potential test results?	<p><i>Positive:</i> at least one of the two regions within the SARS-CoV-2 N gene was detected.</p> <p><i>Negative:</i> neither of the two regions in the SARS-CoV-2 N gene was detected.</p> <p><i>Invalid:</i> neither of the two regions in the SARS-CoV-2 N gene were detected and the control gene was NOT detected.</p>
How will test results be reported?	Test results will be electronically delivered in a batch to the primary site contact with a description of the test performed and results provided.
How will billing be performed?	Biodesix is able to bill the healthcare provider, except as required by State or Federal regulations, or the patient's insurance for COVID-19 testing.

References

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