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 and Oropharyngeal swab in one 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](#)
   - [Santa Cruz County - Public Health Lab Submission Form for COVID-19](#)

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