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## Test Order Mumps Virus PCR

Synonym(s)	
Methodology	Real time reverse transcriptase PCR for the presence of Mumps viral RNA
Acceptable Specimen Type(s) for Testing	Buccal swabs, oropharyngeal (throat) swabs
Transport / Collection Medium	Universal transport medium / viral transport medium (using the Dacron swab included in the kit)
Storage and Preservation of Specimen	Refrigerate (2-8°C) until transported to the laboratory. Ship on cold packs. Sample must be received at the laboratory within 72 hours of collection. If longer storage is necessary, store sample at -70°C or colder.
Minimum Volume Required	1 ml
Additional Collection Instructions	N/A
Additional Required Information	Buccal source preferred. <b>Urine is not an approved specimen for this PCR assay.</b>
Send Out?	No
Turnaround Time	5 business days (M-F)
Testing Restrictions	<b>Please contact San Francisco Communicable Disease Control at 415-554-2830 for all requests for Mumps PCR testing prior to submitting samples to the laboratory.</b>
Requisition Form(s)	<a href="http://sfcdcp.org/document.html?id=1035">http://sfcdcp.org/document.html?id=1035</a>
Limitations / Notes / Disclaimers	Note: Collect sample as soon as Mumps is suspected.

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