

SAMPLE COLLECTIONS DURING COVID-19

Hair testing is well suited to social distancing during sample collections because it does not require interaction with any bodily fluids. Both collectors and donors can wear masks during collections, if available, as most masks do not obstruct the collection of hair specimens.



As with other specimen collections, donors should be spaced out and maintain an acceptable social distance while waiting for their turn and collectors should always wash their hands between collections. These suggestions have already been shown to be effective, as they closely mirror the rules and policies being implemented as salons and barbershops reopen around the country.

Lastly, as hair specimens are not a biohazard, they also carry a lower risk of transferring the virus between individuals. It should also be noted that Omega Laboratories also offers for non-contact collections through our laboratory-based and instant oral fluid drug testing options.

Oral fluid specimens can be collected and sealed by the donor while the collector observes to ensure the integrity of the specimen, ensuring that no contact is required between the two. As always during this time, Omega also recommends that everyone familiarize themselves with any local rules and recommendations to ensure that drug test collections maintain the highest level of safety.

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