

Laboratory Support Services
Department of Pathology
and Laboratory Medicine

Saliva Collection Guidelines

Collection Materials:

- Specimen Container (Plastic Tube)
- Cotton Pad
- Patient ID Label
- Specimen Biohazard Bag

Collection Directions:

- 1. Your physician has requested a test, which requires a saliva collection.
- 2. Wash hands with soap and water. Dry thoroughly.
- 3. Place cotton pad in mouth. Roll cotton pad in mouth for minimum of 90 seconds.
- 4. Once the cotton pad is saturated, return it to the plastic tube and close with blue stopper. Place into large plastic tube.
- 5. Fill out large plastic tube label with Full First and Last Name, Date of Birth, Collection Date and Time.
- 6. Store specimen in the refrigerator.
- 7. Bring the specimen to a Genesis Laboratory location within 24 hours of collection.
- 8. Complete a Patient Registration at the front desk, and then drop off the specimen at the Laboratory.
- 9. If you are unable to collect saliva during the 24-hour period, please notify your physician and the Laboratory.

Specimen Drop-off Locations:

| Genesis Laboratory Locations | |
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| Genesis HealthPlex Draw Center • 2800 Maple Ave, Zanesville Ohio 43701 | Genesis HealthCare Center New Concord • 1 East Main St, New Concord, Ohio 43762 |
| Phone: 740-454-4039Monday through Friday 6:00am-5:30pm | Phone: 740-826-7155Monday through Thursday 8:00am-4:30pm |
| Genesis Pavilion Draw Center 955 Bethesda Dr, Zanesville, Ohio 43701 Phone: 740-454-4078 Monday through Friday 6:00am-5:30pm Saturday 7:00am-1:00pm | Genesis Perry County Medical Center/ Somerset Draw Center 301 Dr Mike Clouse Dr, Somerset, Ohio 43783 Phone: 740-743-3800 Monday through Friday 6:30am-3:00pm |
| Genesis HealthCare Center Cambridge 61353 Southgate Parkway, Cambridge, Ohio 43725 Phone: 740-432-1034 Monday through Friday 7:30am-5:00pm | Genesis Coshocton Medical Center 48439 Genesis Dr, Coshocton, Ohio 43812 Phone: 740-722-9560 Monday through Friday 7:00am-3:30pm |

For Questions, please call the Genesis Hospital Laboratory at 740-454-4606.