

## Quick tips

The Thermo Fisher Scientific™ Accula™ SARS-CoV-2 Test uses polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and lateral flow technologies for the qualitative, visual detection of nucleic acid from SARS-CoV-2 from individuals suspected to have COVID-19 by their health care provider.

To help ensure success when using the Accula SARS-CoV-2 Test with the Accula™ Dock, always follow the Accula Dock Operator's Guide and the Accula SARS-CoV-2 Test Instructions for Use. Failing to adhere to the Instructions for Use can result in inaccurate or invalid results. See the [Accula SARS-CoV-2 Test Instructions for Use](#) and [Accula Dock Operator's Guide](#) for more information.



### Tips for sample collection, elution, and handling

- Do not use visually bloody or overly viscous samples
- Elute specimen swabs in Accula™ SARS-CoV-2 Buffer immediately after sample collection; do not elute samples in media other than the Accula SARS-CoV-2 Buffer
- Eluted samples may be stored at room temperature for up to two hours
- Bring refrigerated or frozen samples to room temperature before beginning the assay



### Tips for pipetting

- Squeeze the top bulb **prior** to inserting the pipette stem into the patient sample; squeezing the bulb after the pipette tip is submerged can create air bubbles
- While continuing to squeeze the top bulb, place the pipette tip well below the surface of the liquid in the buffer vial; slowly release the top bulb to aspirate the sample
- Ensure the pipette stem is filled with the sample and there are no bubbles in the stem
- Pipettes are for single use only; if the pipetted sample has air bubbles, insufficient sample, or other issues, discard the pipette into a biohazardous waste container and use a new pipette from the bag of extra pipettes provided in the test kit to aspirate a new sample



### Tips for loading the sample into the cassette

- Insert the pipette stem into the sample port of the cassette **until resistance is met**
- Squeeze the top bulb of the pipette **firmly** and **quickly** to load the sample into the cassette in a single, quick bolus
- Load only the volume of sample in the pipette stem; do not try to force the contents in the overflow reservoir into the cassette



### Tips for the dock

- Do not operate the dock near an open window or heater that may cause temperatures to fluctuate—ensure the dock runs in constant ambient temperatures (15 to 30°C or 59 to 86°F) throughout the test
- Store the dock on a flat surface away from anything that may generate movement or heat (e.g., a centrifuge)

 To find out more, contact [techsupport@thermofisher.com](mailto:techsupport@thermofisher.com)

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