

Annex C: PhilHealth Approved Confirmatory Tests

List of PhilHealth Approved Confirmatory Tests

1. Facility-based Rapid Antigen Test using FDA-approved test kits using nasal, nasopharyngeal, and/or oropharyngeal specimens for patients who are symptomatic.
2. Plate-based and cartridge-based RT-PCR done in DOH-licensed laboratory using the following specimen:
 - a. Saliva (for plate-based RT- PCR)
 - b. Nasopharyngeal and/or oropharyngeal specimen
3. As adjunct, for symptomatic patients with 2 negative RT-PCR, antibody test done 15 days after in a DOH licensed laboratory may be accepted.

Table 2. Validity Period of Confirmatory Tests (if done prior to admission) for Purposes of Claims Filing

	RT-PCR	ANTIGEN
VALID	14 days or less prior to admission	14 days or less prior to admission
INVALID	>14 days	>14 days

Notes:

1. 14 days is based on the estimated time for the diagnostic test to detect SARS-CoV-2 infection relative to onset of symptom/s on the incubation period of COVID-19.
2. The reckoning date of the start of validity period is the date of specimen/sample collection.

