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SARS-CoV-2 Detection in the Urban Environment

With news of the CoVID-19 pandemic spreading around much of the world, basic research into how the virus infects and can be treated will help medical services and world governments treat and prevent spread of the disease. Virologists in the Rohwer Lab are working to understand potential viral reservoirs; or things we interact with in cities on which the virus can live and be transmitted to others. While we know CoVID-19 is transmitted through person-to-person contact, little is known about the possibility of contracting the virus from public spaces.

We are collecting samples from the San Diego area to test for traces of the SARS-CoV2 virus in the urban environment.

Please follow the steps below to collect and submit your samples.

1. Request a Sample Kit

One sample kit containing 16 samples can be requested at a time. You can request another kit after returning your current kit(s).

REQUEST A SAMPLE KIT

☐ Confirm you would like to request a kit.

2. Read Sample Collection Protocol

Sampling Video

Sampling Video (in English) Sampling Video (en Español)

Sampling Protocol

Sample Protocol (in English) Sample Protocol (en Español)

3. Submit Sample Data



4. Request Sample Kit Pickup

Once you have collected all 16 samples, or as many as you wish to contribute to this effort, please click "Schedule pickup" to arrange to have your Sample Kit picked up by a member of the Rohwer Lab. Please send us specific instructions for pickup if needed at (infocovidsample@gmail.com).

Once you request a pickup of these samples, you will not be able to request a subsequent pickup for any remaining samples in this kit.

REQUEST KIT PICKUP

☐ Confirm you would like to request a kit pickup.

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