

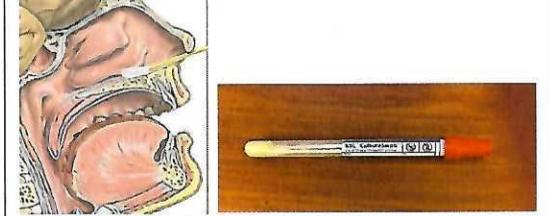

## Laboratory Technical Bulletin

**Date:** February 25, 2021  
**Effective Date:** March 2, 2021  
**Title:** Influenza Source Requirement  
**Test:** Rapid Influenza A & B, Molecular

**Explanation of change:**


Rapid influenza orders now **REQUIRE** a source when entered in the computer system. The source must be handwritten on the swab as well.

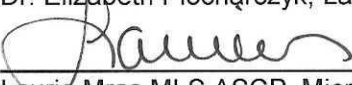
Acceptable source choices are nasal or nasopharyngeal. Please note that nasal and nasopharyngeal are **NOT** the same source. They are different anatomic sites.

NASAL	NASOPHARYNGEAL
red (or white) tip culturette swab	Green (or orange) tiny mini-tip swab
Inserted less than 1 inch into the nostril	Inserted through the nasal passage to the posterior wall of the nasopharynx
<b><u>This should NOT cause the patient any discomfort!</u></b>	<b><u>This may cause slight discomfort and/or watering of eyes.</u></b>
	

**It is CRUCIAL that the correct source is written on every swab!!**  
**If this step is omitted, the sample will be cancelled and need to be recollected.**

Please contact the Laboratory at (607)274-4474 with any questions.

  
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