

Laboratory Technical Bulletin

Date: November 3, 2021

Effective Date: November 9, 2021 at 8am

Title: Rapid COVID/Flu/RSV Testing Available

Test: COVID/Flu/RSV RT-PCR

Discussion: Cayuga Medical Center Lab is now offering a rapid COVID/Flu/RSV RT-PCR test panel for CMC and SH inpatients.

No additional COVID PCR testing is required when utilizing this panel.

Due to supply chain issues, we are highly constricted in the amount of reagent available and cannot support the entire inpatient demand at this time. While we are on restricted allocation from the manufacturer, this test will only be available by order of Infectious Disease, VPMA of Medical Affairs or Dr. Schwed. We will update this technical bulletin when the test becomes available to the entire in-house populations of CMC and SH.

Please contact the laboratory for collection kits.

Rapid molecular COVID, Flu and/or RSV can still be ordered as independent tests.

Perform Site	CMC Main Lab (Stat only)	
Method	Cepheid RT-PCR	
Test Code	COVFLURSVPCR	
Test Name	COVID/Flu/RSV RT-PCR	
Specimen	NASOPHARYNGEAL swab in Xpert Viral Transport Medium	
	Alternate: Anterior nasal, nasal wash/aspirate in 3mL viral transport medium or 3 mL saline	
Specimen Stability	48 hours room temperature or 7 days refrigerated Do NOT freeze	
Turnaround time	1 hour	

Results can be found in the EMR under Microbiology:



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