






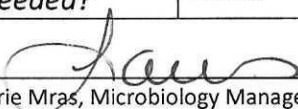
Date: February 21, 2023

Effective Date: February 28, 2023

Title: COVID Testing Options

Tests: COVID/Flu/RSV RT-PCR (Cepheid 4-plex), Rapid COVID (ID NOW), COVID NAA (Panther)

Test Name	COVID/Flu/RSV RT-PCR	Rapid COVID19 Molecular	COVID19 Molecular
Test Code	COVFLURSVPCR	RCOVID19 (Urgent Care – POCCOV)	COVID19 (register in app)
Perform Site	CMC Main Lab	CMC Main Lab, Schuyler Lab & Multiple Point of Care (POC) sites	CMC Main Lab
Tests for?	COVID, FLU A, FLU B & RSV	COVID	COVID
Method	RT-PCR ( <b>Cepheid 4-plex</b> )	Isothermal nucleic acid amplification ( <b>ID NOW</b> )	Nucleic Acid Amplification ( <b>Panther</b> )
Utilization	<u>Use for CMC &amp; Schuyler:</u> Inpatients ED/CHOA patients being admitted	<u>Use for CMC, Schuyler &amp; POC Sites:</u> ED/UC patients NOT admitted Critical need employees Any other rapid need	<u>Use for CMC &amp; Schuyler:</u> Routine Testing
Specimen	NASOPHARYNGEAL swab in Xpert Viral Transport Medium    Alternate: Anterior nasal, nasal wash/aspirate in 3mL viral transport medium or 3 mL saline	<b>Green NP swab (preferred)</b>  or <b>Red nasal swab</b>   <i>Please Note: Must be a SEPARATE collection from FLU or RSV</i>	Nasal swab in Direct Load tube (sampling site)  Nasal swab in Multitest tube (all other sites)   Alternate: nasal, nasopharyngeal, oropharyngeal, mid-turbinate or nasal wash/aspirate in 3 mL viral transport medium or 3 mL saline
Specimen Stability	48 hours room temperature or 7 days refrigerated <b>Do NOT freeze</b>	<b>1 hour from collection (room temperature)</b>	Direct load and Multitest tube – 6 days room temperature or refrigerated Viral transport or saline – 4 days refrigerated
Turnaround time	45 min-1 hour	15-20 minutes	24-72 hours
Results Found?	CMC: EMR under Microbiology Schuyler: EMR under Point of Care  <b>**RESULTS NOT CALLED**</b>	CMC: EMR under Laboratory – Serology Schuyler: EMR under Point of Care <b>**RESULTS NOT CALLED**</b>	CMC: EMR under Laboratory – Serology Schuyler: Patient Portal only  <b>**RESULTS NOT CALLED**</b>
Confirmation Needed?	No required confirmation of negative results	PCR testing recommended for negative results.	No required confirmation of negative results

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