

Laboratory Technical Bulletin

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Effective Date: 5/7/25


Title: Routine COVID testing change

Tests: COVID-19 (Routine)

Due to low test volumes, we are consolidating routine COVID19 testing. The Panther test will be discontinued at CMC Hospital Lab and replaced with the Cepheid COVID19 test, performed at the AOMC Hospital Lab.

COVID/FLU/RSV RT-PCR (4plex) and Rapid COVID-19 Molecular testing will still be performed at BOTH labs.

	Old	New
Test Name	COVID19	COVID19
Test Code	LAB20095	LAB0108
Perform Site	CMC Hospital Lab	AOMC Hospital Lab
Tests for?	COVID 19	COVID 19
Method	NAA (Panther)	RT-PCR (Cepheid)
Specimen	<p>Nasal swab in Multitest tube</p> 	<p>Nasopharyngeal swab in Xpert Viral Transport Medium</p> 
Specimen Stability	6 days room temperature or refrigerated	<p>48 hours room temperature or 7 days refrigerated Do NOT freeze</p>
Turnaround time	24-72 hours	4-24 hours

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