

Respiratory Viruses testing

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Respiratory virus testing options will be:

- (1) Viral PCR Respiratory (Influenza A&B/RSV Panel)
- (2) Parainfluenza 1-4 virus PCR
- (3) Metapneumovirus/Adenovirus/Rhinovirus PCR.

Tests are separately orderable in eRecord or paper requisition. In eRecord, these 3 tests are also grouped together in the “Viral PCR Extended Respiratory Panel”. These tests replace the “Respiratory Viral/Bacterial PCR Panel (RVP)”.

Only Viral PCR Respiratory (Influenza A&B/RSV Panel) (item 1 above) is recommended for immunocompetent patients.

These tests require a nasopharyngeal specimen collected by standard flock swab placed in Universal Transport Medium (UTM).

Separate specimens can be submitted for Pertussis and *Mycoplasma pneumoniae* tests (UR Medicine Labs Test Index: testmenu.com/rochester).

For additional information on ordering see October 16th eRecord Update.

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