

Test Update

SARS CoV2 Detection by PCR Testing to be Discontinued

UVM Medical Center

Effective 4/20/26, the UVMH Laboratories will no longer perform SARS CoV2 Detection by PCR (LAB14319) as a stand-alone test. Since symptoms of many respiratory viruses are similar, if testing is needed, please order SARS CoV2, Flu A/B, and RSV Detection by PCR (LAB17655).

Test Build Information

Orderable to be Discontinued	Epic Code	Atlas Code	Mayo Access ID
SARS CoV2 Detection by PCR	LAB14319	LAB14319	FAH5932

Orderable Replacing LAB14319	Epic Code	Atlas Code	Mayo Access ID	Order LOINC	CPT Code(s)
SARS CoV2, Flu A/B, and RSV Detection by PCR	LAB17655	LAB17655	FAH6184	95941-1	87637
Result Component(s)	Epic Code	Atlas Code	Mayo Access ID	Result LOINC	Notes
Flu A RNA Result	12301002660	FLARES	FAH5835	85477-8	
Flu B RNA Result	12301002661	FLBRES	FAH5836	85478-6	
RSV RNA Result	12301002663	RSVRES	FAH5837	85479-4	
COVID-19 RT-PCR Result	12301011320	LRR11320	FAH5935	94500-6	
Specimen Requirements:					
Container	Specimen	Temperature	Collect Vol	Submit Vol	Stability
Viral Collection Kit (M4RT)	Nasopharyngeal	Refrigerate	2 mL	2 mL	4 days
Collection Instructions:					
Minimum Volume = 1 mL Additional acceptable media: CDC VTM and UTM Nasopharyngeal (NP) Swab Collection: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Insert the tip of the flocked swab into a nostril to obtain a specimen from the posterior nasopharynx. 2. Pass the NP swab through the nares. Do not force the swab; resistance will be felt when the posterior nasopharynx is reached. 3. Rotate the swab and leave it in place for 10-30 seconds or until the patient coughs. 4. Withdraw the swab and place in viral transport media. Make sure liquid medium covers the swab tip. 5. Break or cut the end of the swab and screw the vial lid on tightly. 					

For questions regarding this change, please contact the Medical Director of Microbiology, Dr. Christina Wojewoda @christina.wojewoda@uvmhealth.org.

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