

Lab Alert

Respiratory Orders



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Effective immediately, the test menu offered for Respiratory Testing has been updated for all Laboratories within the Methodist Health System.

Order: The following panels are the only options available for respiratory testing:

- **COVID (2019 Novel Coronavirus) by PCR ¹**
 - SARS CoV-2/COVID-19
- **Respiratory Panel Flu/RSV/COVID**
 - Influenza A
 - Influenza B
 - Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)
 - SARS CoV-2/COVID-19
- **Respiratory Panel Expanded**
 - Influenza A
 - Influenza B
 - Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)
 - SARS CoV-2/COVID-19
 - Adenovirus **
 - Human metapneumovirus**
 - Parainfluenza 1-4**
 - Rhinovirus**

** These respiratory targets are only performed if influenza A/B, RSV, and COVID are all negative and is only available for inpatients.

- ***Bordetella* species (Pertussis/Parapertussis)**

Changes:

- Influenza A/B and Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) are no longer available to be ordered as standalone tests.
- ¹ COVID (2019 Novel Coronavirus) by PCR as a standalone test is only performed at JE Hospital Lab and Methodist Hospital Lab. TAT may be delayed dependent on specimen collection location.

Specimen Requirements: Swab in viral transport medium (VTM)-unchanged.

Test Performed: 24 hours a day/7 days a week

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