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SUBJECT: **New Test** - Influenza COVID-19 PCR - Routine

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Effective today, **December 15, 2022**, the Clinical Microbiology Laboratory will make the following changes to respiratory viral testing:

- Deactivated - “COVID-19 PCR – Routine”
- **New Test** - “Influenza COVID-19 PCR – Routine”
 - Pathogens detected:
 - Influenza A
 - Influenza B
 - SARS-COV-2 (COVID-19)
 - Intended use:
 - Outpatients with symptoms of respiratory viral infection and not in need of RSV testing.
 - Specimen type:
 - Nasal or nasopharyngeal swab placed in a blue top eNAT collection tube (shown below).
 - Turnaround time:
 - 36 hours - most results will be available within 24 hours



For symptomatic patients not requiring an urgent result, please order the Influenza COVID-19 PCR – Routine. Please continue to use the COVID-19 PCR – Urgent judiciously as supplies are limited. For questions contact Drs. Doern and Bryson at christopher.doern@vcuhealth.org and alexandra.bryson@vcuhealth.org.