

Respiratory Pathogen Testing Order Updates

Description:

Effective May 27th, 2025 the Microbiology Laboratory will implement modifications of the Respiratory Pathogen PCR Testing [LAB1900] and Influenza RSV COVID-19 PCR Testing [LAB1231636] orders.

Insurers are no longer paying for the Respiratory Pathogen PCR Test unless patients are admitted/being admitted with respiratory illness or are immunocompromised. The required field below has been added to this test to guide ordering.

Indications for testing?

If “Other” is selected, the following alert will fire.

Order Validation [X]

⚠ You can proceed and sign these orders, but the following information is missing or might require your attention:

The question “**Indications for testing?**” was answered **Other** for **RESPIRATORY PATHOGEN PCR TESTING**.
- Alert - Patient does not meet criteria for this testing. Reimbursement is unlikely and the patient is at-risk of receiving a high out-of-pocket charge. Recommend ordering the Flu/RSV/COVID-19 PCR INFLUENZA RSV COVID-19 PCR TESTING [LAB1231636]

Once: On Wed 5/8/25 at 15:10, for 1 occurrence

Avian Influenza

The following required field will be added to both the Respiratory Pathogen PCR Testing [LAB1900] and Influenza RSV COVID-19 PCR Testing [LAB1231636] orders. Appropriate laboratory and infection control practices will automatically trigger when “Yes” is selected.

⚠ Exposure risk for Avian Influenza (H5N1 or Bird Flu)?

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