

## **Respiratory Pathogen Testing Order Updates**

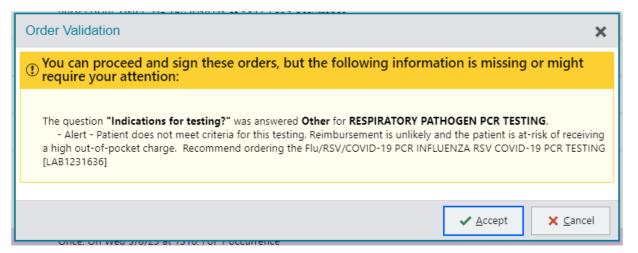
## **Description:**

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

Insurers are no longer paying for the <u>Respiratory Pathogen PCR Test</u> 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.



If "Other" is selected, the following alert will fire.



## <u>Avian Influenza</u>

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

Exposure risk for Avian Influe	nza (H5N1 or Bird Flu)?	
Yes	No	

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