

Respiratory Pathogen Testing Duplicate Checking

Effective August 5th, 2025, the laboratory will implement a **duplicate checking** feature to help providers know when they are ordering a respiratory pathogen PCR test that has been ordered within the **past 7 days**.

Duplicate checking will be applied to the following tests:

- Flu/RSV/COVID-19 [LAB1231636]
- Respiratory Pathogen PCR Testing [LAB1900]

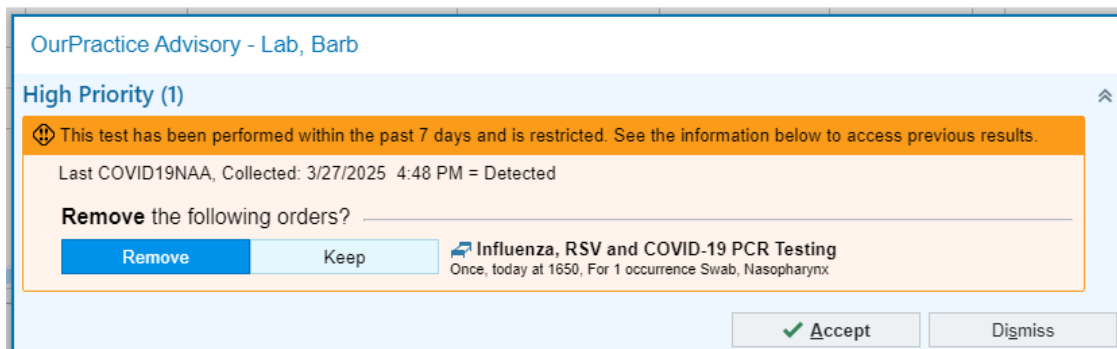
Rationale

These PCR-based tests are highly sensitive and specific. Repeating tests inside 7 days is not generally warranted.

More Information

Upon placing a duplicate order providers will be presented with the following alerts that will notify them of the previous test and give them the option to proceed with the order or remove it.

Example #1




OurPractice Advisory - Lab, Barb

High Priority (1)

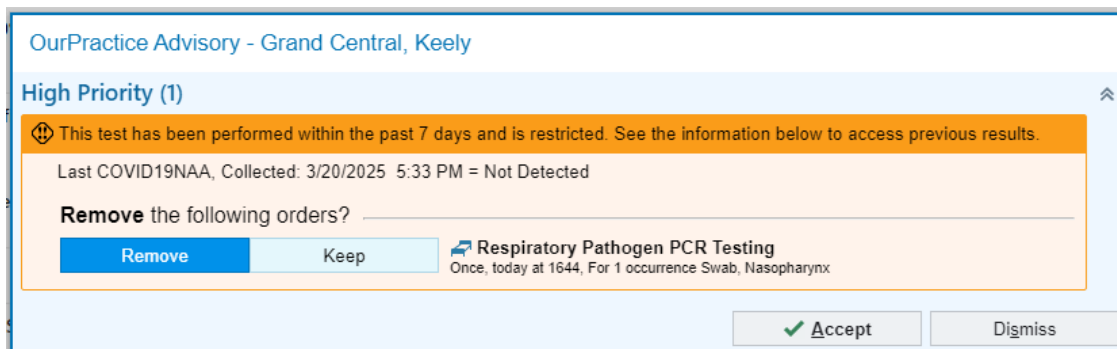
⚠ This test has been performed within the past 7 days and is restricted. See the information below to access previous results.

Last COVID19NAA, Collected: 3/27/2025 4:48 PM = Detected

Remove the following orders?

 **Influenza, RSV and COVID-19 PCR Testing**
Once, today at 1650, For 1 occurrence Swab, Nasopharynx

Example #2




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High Priority (1)

⚠ This test has been performed within the past 7 days and is restricted. See the information below to access previous results.

Last COVID19NAA, Collected: 3/20/2025 5:33 PM = Not Detected

Remove the following orders?

 **Respiratory Pathogen PCR Testing**
Once, today at 1644, For 1 occurrence Swab, Nasopharynx

For questions, please contact Pathology Client Services at (804) 828-7284 or Microbiology at (804) 628-4000. The Main Campus Microbiology Director on-call pager is 9075.