

SARS-CoV-2 Rapid Test Changes

Effective Date: June 22, 2021

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently issued a health advisory to notify clinicians and caregivers about increased interseasonal respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) activity across parts of the Southern United States. Due to this increased activity, they are encouraging broader testing for RSV among patients presenting with acute respiratory illness who test negative for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. To support providers with access to this testing, Beaumont Laboratory will be reactivating the test code for the 4-Plex Xpert Xpress SARS-CoV-2/Flu/RSV test, a rapid, multiplexed real-time RT-PCR intended for the simultaneous detection and differentiation of SARS-CoV-2, influenza A, influenza B, and RSV.

There continues to be a nationwide shortage of rapid testing reagents so this testing will only be available for hospital patients and will be allocated similar to the way that the SARS-CoV-2 (CoVID-19) by NAA, MICRO (LAB 7912) test is handled. Current providers able to order rapid COVID-19 testing at a campus will be given access to order either the SARS-CoV-2 only test or the 4-Plex assay. Current rules blocking repeat positive testing within 6 months will remain in the EPIC system.

Test Information:

Name: SARS-CoV-2/Flu/RSV by NAA
Order Codes: LAB8435
CPT Code: 0241U
Specimen: Nasopharyngeal swab
Schedule: Testing will be performed STAT

If you have questions, please contact your Beaumont Laboratory Customer Service Department:

- Farmington Hills, Grosse Pointe, Royal Oak and Troy: 800-551-0488 or 248-551-1155, Option 5
- Dearborn, Taylor, Trenton and Wayne: 800-245-3725, Option 1

Laboratory Test Directory: <http://beaumontlaboratory.com/test-lab-directory>.

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