

To: All Greater Peoria Service Area Carle Health Facilities
Carle Health Methodist Outreach Clients

From: Carle Health: Peoria Service Area Laboratories

INFORM: Change of Respiratory Testing Ordering – SARS-CoV-2, Influenza A/B, RSV, and Strep A.

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Carle Health Peoria Service Area is making an important update to our Respiratory Testing for SARS-CoV-2, Influenza A, Influenza B, and RSV, as well as Strep A (Throat) - **Effective July 23rd 2026**. This change is being implemented to meet current clinical standards with new instrumentation and to standardize testing across the Carle Laboratory System.

Key Points:

- Lab Orders of SARS-CoV-2/Influenza A/B (**CVDFL**), Influenza A/B and RSV (**FLRSV**), and Strep A (**STRPA**) will be discontinued for ordering.
- The **NEW** lab orders will be a 4-PLEX PCR which includes SARS-CoV-2, Influenza A, Influenza B, and RSV in one order – **COVFR (SARS-COV-2/FLU/RSV, RAPID PCR)**.
 - Collection will remain the same by utilizing Viral Transport Media from a Nasopharyngeal or anterior nasal collection.
- The **NEW** lab order for Strep A (Throat) PCR should be ordered as **STRAP (STREP A, PCR)**.
 - Collection will remain the same by utilizing the White ESWAB from a throat collection.
- Laboratory will no longer be calling Positive SARS-CoV-2, Influenza A/B, and RSV results to In-Patient Floors. Abnormal results will be flagged in the patients chart and trigger the appropriate isolation flag as deemed necessary.

CLOSING:

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we implement this change. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the Microbiology Technical Coordinator.

If you have any questions, please contact us:

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