

News

Clinical Laboratory Test Update

Standalone SARS-CoV-2 (COVID) PCR test discontinuation

Effective September 2, 2025, the UCHealth Clinical Laboratories and UCHealth sites that perform Point of Care testing will discontinue **standalone** SARS-CoV-2 (COVID) PCR testing and the test order will be removed from Epic.

For respiratory pathogen testing, providers will be guided to the Respiratory Pathogens Panel Wizard (formerly the COVID-19 Wizard), which will guide to the FLUVID test or the Respiratory Pathogen Panel test, both of which include COVID-19 testing.

Discontinued Test Orders:

SARS COV2 NAAT, COVID-19, COVID-19 SCREENING AND CLEARANCE

Alternative Test Options:

Test Name	Respiratory Pathogen Panel (RESP PCR)	
Method	BioFire® FilmArray® RP2.1	
Viruses/Organisms included in this panel	<div> <div>Adenovirus</div> <div>Coronavirus 229E</div> <div>Coronavirus HKU1</div> <div>Coronavirus NL63</div> <div>Coronavirus OC43</div> <div>SARS-CoV-2</div> <div>Human Metapneumovirus</div> <div>Human Rhinovirus/Enterovirus</div> <div>Influenza A</div> <div>Influenza B</div> </div> <div> <div>Parainfluenza 1</div> <div>Parainfluenza 2</div> <div>Parainfluenza 3</div> <div>Parainfluenza 4</div> <div>Respiratory Syncytial Virus</div> <div>Bordetella parapertussis</div> <div>Bordetella pertussis</div> <div>Chlamydomphila pneumoniae</div> <div>Mycoplasma pneumoniae</div> </div>	
Qualitative Results	Not detected (negative) or Detected (positive)	
Specimen	NP swabs (special UCH order available for nasal swabs, BALs, and tracheal aspirates)	

Test Name	FLUVID (SARS COV2 + FLU A/B + RSV)
Method	Cepheid® GeneXpert® FLUVID
Viruses/Organisms included in this panel	<div> <div>SARS-CoV-2</div> <div>Influenza A</div> <div>Influenza B</div> </div>

	Respiratory Syncytial Virus
Qualitative Results	Not detected (negative) or Detected (positive)
Specimen	NP swabs and nasal swabs

For information about lab tests, visit your local Clinical Laboratory's Test Directory (these can be found on The Source > Apps > Lab Test Catalogs or are all linked to UCH's test catalog: <https://www.testmenu.com/universityhospital>). If you have any questions or special concerns email them to cara.faliano@uchealth.org