Memorandum

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RE: Discontinuation of BD MAX SARS-CoV-2 Assay (COVID)

After October 28, 2025, Hendrick Regional Laboratory will no longer offer single target molecular testing (PCR) for SARS-CoV-2. Detection of SARS-CoV-2 can be achieved using our Viral Respiratory Panel with an extensive list of all available targets provided below. Additionally, this change will not affect the type of samples required and will remain nasopharyngeal swabs collected in Viral Transport Media (VTM). *Noted below: *Bordetella* results are only released upon specific request.

Please contact the HMCN Microbiology department at 325-670-2830 or Microbiology Supervisor at 325-670-2851 if you have any questions. HMCS Microbiology Supervisor can be contacted at 325-428-1410 or 325-428-1411.

New targets are noted in bold below.

Viruses:

Adenovirus

Human Coronavirus (HKU1, NL63, OC43, and 229E not differentiated)

Human Enterovirus/Rhinovirus (not differentiated)

Human Metapneumovirus

Influenza A

Influenza A (subtype H1)

Influenza A (subtype H3)

Influenza B

Parainfluenza 1

Parainfluenza 2

Parainfluenza 3

Parainfluenza 4

Respiratory Syncytial Virus

Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2)

Bacteria:

Bordetella holmesii *

Bordetella parapertussis *

Bordetella pertussis *

Chlamydia pneumoniae

Mycoplasma pneumoniae