

Memorandum

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To: Clients

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RE: Change of rapid kit testing of RSV and Strep A (**Additional comments for RSV**)

Beginning December 3, 2024, Hendrick Regional Laboratory at the North campus and Lancaster Medical Plaza ED Lab will change rapid RSV testing from Abbott Binax Now to Quidel Sofia RSV and rapid Strep A from Cardinal dipstick to Quidel Sofia Strep A. Quidel Sofia is the current system in place for our rapid FLUA/B and SARS2 testing. Collection swabs available in each corresponding kit will be provided.

RSV: This test is intended for use with symptomatic pediatric patients under 19 years of age. Nasopharyngeal swabs (provided Puritan HydraFlock), nasopharyngeal aspirate, and nasopharyngeal wash specimens may be used. **Specimens sent on patients greater than 19 years of age will be rejected. Use of our Viral Respiratory Panel is recommended for RSV detection in adults.**

Strep A: It is recommended to use the sterile rayon-tipped swabs provided in the kit to collect throat specimens. BD BBL CultureSwab with Liquid Stuarts Media may be used.

Please contact the Microbiology department at 325-670-2830 or Microbiology Supervisor at 325-670-2851 if you have any questions.