

**Preferred Lab Partners**

*The joint venture laboratory between St. Elizabeth Healthcare and Tri-Health*

**Discontinuation of Testing for Influenza A/B Antigen**

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St. Elizabeth Healthcare Laboratory will NOT reinstate Rapid Influenza A/B Antigen testing (BD Veritor) for the upcoming flu season. PCR testing for Influenza will continue to be available by the following:

- Coronavirus Testing Panel > Symptomatic Order Pathway > Resp Viral Panel containing targets: COVID, Influenza A/B and RSV – testing performed only at Edgewood Microbiology Lab
- LAB8678 Respiratory Viral Mini Panel (ARUP reference lab) containing targets: Influenza A/B and RSV. Turnaround time of 1 to 3 days

Dr. Hart is collaborating with multiple physicians regarding a PCR Influenza ordering/testing algorithm driven in part by reagent supply constraints. More information to follow soon.

Thank you,

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