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## **SARS-CoV2*plus* available on Cepheid platforms**

Dear Healthcare Provider,

We are excited to announce an updated option for SARS-CoV-2 testing. The updated Cepheid test will be available beginning August 1<sup>st</sup>. New features include:

- Faster TAT – positives as early as 20 minutes.
- Additional target for increased sensitivity – this test will now have the same targets as the 4-plex plus: nucleocapsid (N), envelope (E) and RNA-dependent RNA polymerase (RdRP) genes of the SARS-CoV-2 virus genome
- Specimen is a nasal or NP swab in UTM/VTM/M4RT.
- No changes to ordering.
- This is the beginning of our transition to one collection type and phasing out dry-swab collections to reduce confusion and go to all-PCR platforms.

Abbott ID Now testing will be phased out over the coming weeks and may be subject to available supply.

Coming soon... new collection kits



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