

Laboratory Services Update – December

Happy Holidays community health partners

- Go live date **December 15, 2022:**
 - Asante RRMCC will begin performing RPR testing and titers in-house for positive Treponema screening results and for historically positive syphilis patients.
 - Positive RPR tests will have a titer performed.
 - Negative tests will have syphilis TP-PA testing sent out for confirmation.
 - Ordering should still follow the current screening algorithm.
 - Testing will be performed Monday, Wednesday, and Friday on day shift only.
 - ***All neonatal testing will still be sent to ARUP Laboratories.***
- Go live date **December 20, 2022:**
 - Asante's in-house urine drug screen panels will now include fentanyl to bring the total of drugs being tested to 9 (amphetamine, barbiturates, benzodiazepines, cocaine, fentanyl, marijuana, methadone, oxycodone, opiates).
 - Buprenorphine remains available as a separately orderable test on urine specimens.

IMPORTANT change:

- HIV screens with positive results will be released as preliminary and will be denoted by a "P" in the physician result review until confirmatory testing is completed.
- Preliminary results will not be visible to patients in MyChart.
- Once confirmatory testing is complete, both screening and confirmatory results will be final verified together and released to providers and MyChart. This change is being made to minimize patient concern before confirmation can be made.

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