



TO: Asante and Community Healthcare Providers

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**SUBJECT: Respiratory Viral Pathogen Molecular Testing Algorithms**

The Asante Microbiology laboratory is committed to reducing test utilization of the Respiratory Viral Panel (RVP) for respiratory viral pathogen testing. As a relatively expensive test, this panel is most appropriately utilized for higher risk patient populations including pediatric inpatients and severely immunocompromised/critically ill inpatients.

Effective January 1, 2023, Asante will no longer offer the Respiratory Viral Panel for outpatients or urgent care patients. COVID, Flu A/B and RSV molecular testing will still be offered using the following order codes:

- Combination/Group Orders:
  - COVID, Flu A/B and RSV – LAB1232688
  - COVID & Flu A/B – LAB1232687
  - Flu A/B & RSV – LAB1235432
- Stand Alone Orders:
  - COVID Symptomatic only – LAB1232657
  - COVID Asymptomatic only – LAB1234590
  - Rapid Influenza A & B only – LAB1247
  - RSV only – LAB495

Respiratory Viral Panel (LAB5570) testing will be performed on inpatients who are considered critically ill or severely immunocompromised and only after a COVID, Flu A/B and RSV test is performed. If the patient is positive for COVID, Flu A/B or RSV, the RVP will be cancelled as a duplicate order.

If you have any questions regarding this clinical guidance, please contact Jessica Hoskins, ARRCM Manager Laboratory Operations - Microbiology, at 541-789-6353 or Michael Gailey, DO ARRCM Medical Laboratory Director at 541-789-4191.