COVID-19/Flu/RSV Ordering – Outpatient

Impacted User: Outpatient Providers ordering COVID-19 Testing (Including Pre-Procedure)

Beginning on 11/4/2020, adjustments will be made to COVID-19 ordering in the hospital setting in response to changes in the manufactured reagents available for SARS-CoV-2 testing in the laboratory. Service indications required on the order have been consolidated to assist in streamlining the new ordering processes as well.

Highlights of the changes and Notes of Importance:

The current rapid COVID-19 platform will change from a SARS only assay to a combined SARS/FLU A/FLU B/RSV (SARS Quad) assay:

- NO orders for STAT SARS only will be available after November 3, 2020.
- Reflex testing of a NEGATIVE FLUA/FLUB/RSV to the full respiratory pathogen profile will not be available after November 3, 2020.
- Rapid COVID-19 testing remains in a very limited supply and we continue to ask for your help in using this resource wisely.
  - In some cases, when rapid SARS Quad reagents are limited, patients may only be tested for SARS/FLU A/FLU B.
- SARS only testing remains available for pre-procedure testing at UPHS testing sites and for non-rapid testing in the inpatient environment.
- Sample collection and collection supplies remain unchanged.
- The full Respiratory Pathogen Profile (RPP) is available as a separate order on the facility and/or database tab:
  - The full profile performed at the HUP, PAH, and PPMC locations includes detection of SARS-CoV-2. A separate SARS COVID-19 order is not required when a full Panel is ordered for testing at those sites.

Outpatient/Pre-Procedure Testing Updates

1. For outpatient ordering, please continue to use the COVID-19 (SARS-CoV2), RT-PCR order with an Approved Service of Outpatient.
2. All scheduled procedures/surgeries should continue to utilize the Approved Service of Procedures Approved for Pre-Testing and testing should be done 2-3 days prior to the procedure.

Several Ordering Services have been retired:

1. Electrophysiology/Cardiac Cath, Radiation Oncology, and Hematology/Oncology: will now utilize the Procedures Approved for Pre-Testing Approved Service. Patients should be tested 2-3 days prior to the procedure/surgery, when possible.

Note: Car-T admissions should utilize the full Respiratory Pathogen Profile: Respiratory Pathogen Profile (Molecular Detection: SARS-CoV-2, Influenza A/B, RSV A/B, Parainfluenza 1/2/3/4, Adenovirus, Human Metapneumovirus, Common Coronaviruses, Rhinovirus/Enterovirus, Chlamydia pneumonia, Mycoplasma pneumonia)