

INFLUENZA ANTIGEN
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QUICK REFERENCE

Due to sub-optimal sensitivity of rapid influenza viral antigen testing, when the influenza viruses are circulating in the community, Allina Health Laboratory is not providing rapid influenza antigen test this year, and the entry has been removed from our test catalog. This is in alignment with the influenza testing recommendation by the Infectious Disease Society of America (IDSA) and CDC.

DETAILS

Allina Health Laboratory is, however, able to provide influenza A/B and RSV PCR testing to outreach clients. Please note that Flu/RSV PCR testing must still be ordered judiciously, as severe national shortages of critical testing supplies continue.

- If testing for COVID **plus** Influenza and/or RSV, **TWO SEPARATE** NP swabs are required.
- If testing for Influenza **and** RSV, both tests can be performed on a **SINGLE** swab.

The suggested alternate tests, test numbers and collect requirements are:

Test	Test #	Collect
COVID-19 collection (SARS-CoV-2 PCR)	14315/LAB14315	1 NP swab
Influenza A/B PCR	8810/LAB8810	1 separate NP swab (in addition to the COVID collection if requested).
RSV PCR	14483/LAB14483	Both Influenza A/B and RSV testing can be done on a single swab

Acceptable transport containers for all three tests listed above are Universal/Viral Transport medium (UTM/VTM) or Sterile Phosphate buffered saline (PBS).

NOTE: Add-on testing, to previously tested COVID and/or Influenza/RSV samples, is not allowed.

QUESTIONS: Contact your Allina Health Laboratory account representative, or our Client Services department