

Provincial Laboratory Services



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Respiratory Screen (COVID 19/Flu A/B+RSV) Testing; Respiratory Panel Criteria

December 5, 2023

This information applies to: Island Physicians and Nurse Practitioners

Respiratory virus season has officially started from a testing perspective. The following testing is offered by the Microbiology department starting December 5, 2023:

COVID PCR:

- Current Covid testing practices will remain in place, including IDNow and Covid only testing for certain sites.

FLUVID/RSV PCR: includes Covid-19, FluA, FluB and RSV

- Patients aged 0-5 presenting to the emergency department and there is concern for RSV, or ordered by a Paediatrician;
- Patients at higher risk of serious outcomes (pregnant, immunocompromised, etc) at the discretion of the ER physician;
- Hospitalized patients with respiratory symptoms/influenza- like illness (ILI);
- Outbreak-associated patients (up to 4 patients);
- Patients in institutions not in outbreak with respiratory symptoms/ILI.

Respiratory Panel PCR: includes 23 respiratory pathogens (Rhinovirus, Parainfluenza viruses, Human metapneumovirus, Covid, etc)

- Adult patients in the ICU;
- Pediatric patients listed as “very sick”, “Pediatric Group”, or “Pediatric oncology”;
- Immunocompromised patients with respiratory symptoms/ILI with negative FLUVID/RSV PCR.

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