

Lab Test Update Memo

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To: Main Campus (NRH, HPX, NRM, NR9) Managers and Directors

From: Kourtney Bell- Lab Outreach and Outpatient Manager
Ken Dohm- Clinical Lab Manager

Subject: **Collection Requirement Change- COVID/FLU antigen testing

Beginning December 20th, 2022, due to supply allocation/backorders and to avoid significant cost to the health system, Norman Regional Laboratory is requesting an additional swab for antigen testing. This changes our collection requirements for COVID/Flu antigen testing. For additional clarification, this means we will need 3- (THREE) NASAL swabs on each patient being tested for COVID/FLU antigens.

Current Requirement: 2 Nasal swabs for Covid/Flu antigen testing

NEW Requirement: 3 Nasal swabs for Covid/Flu antigen testing

We believe this will have minimal impact to our patients as the nasal swab is less invasive than the previous required nasopharyngeal swab. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause to you as a caregiver.

Questions?

If you have questions about ordering the tests or specimen requirements, please call our Laboratory Customer Service at 405-307-1100.

If you have any general question or concerns about respiratory testing, please contact Kourtney Bell, Lab Outreach and Outpatient Manager at 405-307-1129, or Kenneth Dohm, Clinical Lab Manager, at 405-307-1114