



Norman Regional
LABORATORY SERVICES

To: Medical Staff, Nursing Units, and Laboratory Clients
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Subject: Discontinuing reflex testing on COVID-19 / FLU A&B Antigen Testing
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Test Changes:

- The prevalence of COVID-19, Flu A, and Flu B has dropped below 3% for Norman Regional Health System, which is below normal statewide baseline of 3.5% for influenza like illnesses.
- Beginning April 4th, 2023, the laboratory will no longer reflex COVID-19, Flu A, and Flu B negative antigen tests for PCR confirmation. Invalid results will continue to be confirmed by an alternate method.

Specimen Requirement Changes:

- NRLS will need 2 dry nasal swabs submitted for antigen testing

If you have any questions contact the Microbiology department at 405-307-1133.