



November 4, 2022

To All OSPHL Clients,

We are pleased to inform you that the Oregon State Public Health Laboratory (OSPHL) implemented the Hologic Aptima Influenza/SARS-CoV-2 NAAT test for detection of SARS-CoV-2, influenza A, and influenza B viruses. We originally notified clients of this change in a [letter sent October 18, 2022](#). This message provides you with the details needed to understand and implement this change.

An updated [testing algorithm](#) is posted on our [Lab Test Menu](#) pages for detection and characterization of SARS-CoV-2 and influenza. The Lab Test Menu has been updated to provide comprehensive details for all testing in the algorithm.

Each specimen will be co-tested for SARS-CoV-2, influenza A, and influenza B.

- Specimens submitted using the [COVID-19 and Influenza Test Request Form](#) will first be tested using the [Hologic Aptima SARS-CoV-2 & Influenza A/B NAAT](#) test.
 - o This Test Request Form will be provided specifically for group or outbreak collections coordinated in cooperation with public health authorities. This form is no longer available publicly.
- Specimens submitted using the green [Virology/Immunology Test Request Form \(OHA0042\)](#) will first be tested using the [CDC SARS-CoV-2 & Influenza A/B Multiplex Real-Time RT-PCR](#) test.
 - o This Test Request Form is available publicly on our website at www.bitly.com/phl-forms.
 - o Please do not use this form for outbreak or group testing events unless specifically requested by OSPHL staff.
- Facilities submitting SARS-CoV-2 positive samples for sequencing may continue to use line lists of specimens submitted for this surveillance testing.

Facilities that order electronically through their electronic health record interface or using remote login to Orchard Outreach (Copia) will choose the following order choice: Aptima SARS-CoV-2/Influenza NAAT. OCHIN members who do not see this option should contact their site specialist.

Our letter regarding this change originally stated that saline was no longer accepted. Please note that sterile saline is an acceptable media for both tests.

We also stated the new NAAT test would be implemented November 1, 2022. Due to a data system limitation, the implementation was delayed to November 4, 2022. Regardless, all specimens submitted for SARS-CoV-2 testing since November 1 have been co-tested for SARS-CoV-2 and influenza using an alternate testing method.

We hope you find these resources helpful during this testing transition. Please contact Sarah Humphrey King, Client Services Coordinator, with questions at 971-217-3522 or sarah.m.humphrey@dhsosha.state.or.us or leave a message with the OSPHL receptionist at 503-693-4100 and we will return your call.

Sincerely,

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