

Laboratory Client Update

Respiratory Testing

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Salem Health Laboratories is pleased to continue as your partner for seasonal influenza and respiratory pathogen testing. Effective 12/1/2020, we will be offering Influenza A, Influenza B, RSV combined with COVID-19 testing in a single test, available only for patients at Salem Hospital and West Valley Hospital. This test is not yet available for outpatients or clinic patients.

The Respiratory Pathogen Panel has also been updated, and now includes COVID-19 as an individual target.

Supplies for these new tests continue to be limited. In order to preserve access to testing throughout the respiratory season, it is important to avoid duplicate testing, when possible. In consultation with Salem Health Medical Staff, available tests will be offered according to the following guidelines:

**Patient costs do not reflect contractual discounts applied by Medicare, Medicaid, and individual patient insurance. Patients should consult their individual insurance company to help determine cost, or if your patient does not have medical insurance, contact (503)814-2678 or estimates@salemhealth.org.*

Emergency Department and Inpatient Testing

TEST CODE	TARGETS	EPIC TEST CODE	PATIENT COST
FLUCV	Influenza A, Influenza B, RSV, COVID-19	LAB7110	\$615
LABORATORY TEST MENU & OVERVIEW https://www.testmenu.com/salemhealthlab/Tests/1089996			
ORDERING GUIDELINES: The 4 in 1 test is intended for the primary diagnosis of Influenza A, Influenza B, RSV or COVID-19 by PCR. The test is available to identify Influenza, RSV or COVID-19 infection in patients in the Emergency Department who would benefit from specific treatment of Influenza or RSV if found positive. For patients that are being admitted, the Emergency Department physician will consult with the Hospitalist to determine which test, (4 in 1 or standalone COVID-19) is the most appropriate for the specific patient. This 4 in 1 combo test will primarily be used when Influenza infection status will alter treatment decisions, such as when the patient is eligible for Influenza retroviral therapy (Tamiflu, etc.) This test may only be ordered once per hospital admission. Repeat testing during admission is an inappropriate use of this test. For repeat COVID-19 testing, when appropriate, please use test code LAB4147 , COVID19, Coronavirus SARS COV2 by PCR.			

TEST NAME	TARGETS	EPIC TEST CODE	PATIENT COST
RP2	Adenovirus, Coronavirus (229E, HKU1, NL63,OC43), COVID-19, Human Metapneumovirus, Human, Rhinovirus/Enterovirus, Influenza A, H1, H1-2009, H3, Influenza B, Parainfluenza 1, 2, 3, and 4, RSV A and B, Chlamydia pneumonia, Mycoplasma pneumoniae	LAB7111	\$1,406
LABORATORY TEST MENU & OVERVIEW https://www.testmenu.com/salemhealthlab/Tests/1089996 ORDERING GUIDELINES: The Respiratory Pathogen panel by PCR is intended for inpatients that are being admitted to ICU with evidence of viral pneumonia The test will be ordered by ICU admitting physician upon admission. Physicians should coordinate when considering an order for this test before requesting the 4 in 1 combo test, to avoid duplicate testing of viral targets.			

TEST NAME	TARGETS	EPIC TEST CODE	PATIENT COST
CVD	SARS-CoV-2 (COVID -19)	LAB4147	\$160
LABORATORY TEST MENU & OVERVIEW https://www.testmenu.com/salemhealthlab/Tests/1040664 ORDERING GUIDELINES: The stand-alone test for COVID-19 performed in-house is intended for the detection of SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) RNA, by Nucleic Acid Amplification or PCR. The test is used to diagnose COVID-19 infection or screen for COVID-19 infection in symptomatic hospitalized patients, symptomatic and asymptomatic patients undergoing AGPs, and patients being considered for placement or discharge, according to already communicated guidelines. Currently, the test may be ordered by any physician caring for an inpatient at Salem Hospital or West Valley Hospital.			

Outpatient and Community Testing

Outpatients and clinic patients do not yet have access to the 4 in 1 test. They continue to have access to Influenza A, Influenza B and RSV testing in a combined test. Please use test code LAB3808, *Influenza A, B & RSV by PCR, NP*. Covid-19 testing still will be ordered separately.

There are no changes to pre-procedural screening or outpatient and community testing guidelines for COVID-19 at this time.

Notification of Positive COVID-19 Results

Effective 12/1/2020, Salem Health Laboratories will no longer be placing courtesy calls with positive COVID-19 results. At the beginning of the pandemic, Salem Health Laboratories implemented a telephone call for each positive COVID-19 result. After auditing and consulting with key stakeholders across the hospitals and community clinics, it was determined that individual phone calls for positive COVID-19 results are no longer necessary.