

COVID-19 Testing Panel Update

The YNHHS Care Signature pathways have key to providing up-to-date diagnostic, testing, and treatment information for clinicians for the care and management of patients with COVID-19 and related conditions. As you know, we have experienced an increase in multiple respiratory viral illnesses this fall, including respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) and influenza in addition to COVID-19. In order to navigate the evolution of respiratory viral tests, we have created an order panel in Epic that is accessible outside of the COVID-19 ambulatory pathway to facilitate patient testing. The order panel helps navigate site-specific test availability and sample collection sites. Each of those pathways is reflected in the order panel. There is additional important guidance provided in each section.

- ***Respiratory Viral Testing Panel allows for 3 paths:***

- ***“POCT Orders” allows for various choices that will depend on the availability of the tests at the specific site of care:***

- ***“Clinic Collect Orders” allows a test to be collected at a site and then sent to the labor for testing. “Flu Only” testing is only available through Quest:***

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The screenshot shows the 'Respiratory Viral Testing Panel' interface. At the top right, there is an 'Accept' button with a checkmark. Below the title bar, there is a link: 'Click to open Respiratory Viral Testing and Antiviral Treatment Pathway'. The main content area has three radio button options: 'POCT Orders' (unchecked), 'Clinic Collect Orders' (checked), and 'YNHHS Testing Site Orders (e.g. tent/drive through)' (unchecked). The 'Clinic Collect Orders' option is highlighted in blue. Below this selection, there is a red warning icon and the text: 'The following respiratory virus testing orders are for specimen collection at the clinic followed by sending the specimen to the lab for testing'. A note states: 'FLU ONLY testing is ONLY available through Quest, not available at YNHHS labs'. Another note says: 'The order will transmit automatically to the patient's selected preferred lab, if sending to Quest, please include a print out of the order with the specimen to prevent confusion'. There are five test options, each with a checkbox and a purple square icon: 'COVID ONLY PCR (BH GH LMW Q YH)', 'COVID + INFLUENZA PCR (BH GH LMW Q YH)', 'COVID + INFLUENZA + RSV PCR (BH GH LMW YH Q)', 'Respiratory virus PCR panel - not routinely indicated, high patient cost sharing possible (BH GH LMW Q YH)', and 'INFLUENZA ONLY PCR (Quest only, not available at YNHHS labs)'. Each option includes 'Routine, Clinic Collect, Expected: Today, Expires: S+15'. At the bottom left, there is a 'Next Required' button with a plus icon. At the bottom right, there is another 'Accept' button with a checkmark.

- ***“YNHHS Testing Site Orders” allows for various tests to be performed at the YNHHS specimen collection sites. Patients cannot self-schedule through the public testing website and get any tests that have flu or RSV testing. This can only be done through an order, and then scheduling will happen after.***

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