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Change in Rapid Flu and RSV testing Effective January 3, 2018

As of January 3, 2018 Berkeley Medical Center Lab will no longer perform rapid antigen testing for Influenza A/B or RSV. Testing will be performed using a molecular methodology which is more sensitive and specific. All flu molecular orders will also be switched to the new test which yields a faster turnaround time than the current molecular test. These tests can be ordered separately or together. There is no age restriction on the new RSV test. The specimen is to be collected in a Cepheid UTM nasopharyngeal swab collection device, the same as the current Flu PCR. This collection device is also used for the Biofire FilmArray Respiratory Panel. We will no longer use the green top wire nasopharyngeal swabs.

Order Code	LAB3041050	LAB123269	LAB12302168
Test Name	INFLUENZA VIRUS TYPE A & B, RAPID PCR	RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS (RSV), PCR	INFLUENZA VIRUS TYPE A & B AND RSV, PCR
Specimen	Nasopharyngeal	Nasopharyngeal	Nasopharyngeal
Reference Interval	Negative	Negative	Negative

*If you have any questions call BMC at 304-264-1212, option.