

NOVEL H1N1 INFLUENZA A VIRUS (SWINE FLU) TESTING

In anticipation of a possible early start to the respiratory virus season, Dynacare Laboratories is preparing to ensure appropriate and timely testing.

- Following recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene (WSLH), **Dynacare Laboratories will be offering Influenza A subtyping.**
- As a component of our currently available Influenza tests, additional testing will be performed on specimens that are positive for Influenza A to determine the subtype (Novel H1 (Swine) or Seasonal H3 (Human)).
- **Specimens that are positive for Influenza A will automatically have subtyping performed unless we are directed otherwise.**
- **Providers who do not want their specimens to be automatically subtyped, should order the “V FLU NOTYPE” as noted below. This test is currently not on our requisition and must be written in the “Other Tests” area.**
- Please note that as demand increases, we will adjust testing schedules to ensure appropriate turnaround. It is our goal to provide accurate results within 18-24 hours from time of receipt in the Microbiology laboratory.

ORDERING INFORMATION:

TEST NAME	TEST MNEMONIC	COMPONENTS
Influenza A&B Nucleic Acid Amplified Test (NAAT) <u>with</u> subtyping	V FLU NAAT	Influenza A with subtype and Influenza B
Influenza A&B Nucleic Acid Amplified Test (NAAT) <u>without</u> subtyping	V FLU NOTYPE*	Influenza A and Influenza B

***Please write this in the “Other Test” area of the requisition**

SPECIMEN COLLECTION:

- One nasopharyngeal (NP) swab and one throat swab are recommended for optimal recovery. If both swabs cannot be collected, an individual NP swab is acceptable (please see attached NP swab collection guidelines). **Throat swab alone is not recommended for testing.**
- M4 or M6 Viral Transport kits provided by Dynacare Laboratories include one flexible mini-tip swab for NP specimens and one regular swab for throat specimens. **Both swabs should be placed into the same tube of M4 (or M6) Viral Transport medium provided in the kit and submitted as one specimen (one test order).** Please note that specimens collected in M4RT or M5 Viral Transport will also be accepted.

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