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New Combo Test Available for COVID-19 and Influenza

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Beginning February 1, 2022 Marshfield Labs will offer combined testing for COVID-19 and Influenza A/B using the new test code **ABCNAT**.

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Routine Testing for COVID-19 and Influenza Combined

Marshfield Labs has validated a new test kit for the combined testing of COVID-19 and Influenza. This testing can now be performed on our routine testing platform in Marshfield, currently used for COVID-19 only.

Test Details

ABCNAT testing is performed on the Marshfield campus using the routine high-throughput method.

- > This test does not test for RSV.
- > This test is not available STAT.
- > Turnaround time is <=48 hours.
- Preferred specimen type is a nasopharyngeal swab in Azer saline or other approved media.

** Sample types: Multiple studies have demonstrated COVID-19 recovery from NP specimens is superior to recovery from nasal swabs. Thus to maximize sensitivity, NP samples are required for testing of any symptomatic patients. Nasal swab sample collection is offered only for the convenience of asymptomatic patients requiring surveillance testing.



Overview of COVID-19, Influenza, and RSV testing offered

Multiple test codes are now available for COVID-19 and other respiratory illness testing. A detailed listing follows.

Test Details

Test Code: COV19 - COVID 19, SARS-CoV-2

Test includes: COVID-19 only

Priority: Can be ordered as STAT or routine

Specimen Type:

STAT = NP Swab in appropriate media (typically UTM) Routine = NP swab in Azer saline or other media

Turnaround time for STAT: <= 3 hours Turnaround time for routine: 24-48 hours

CPT Code: U0003

Test Code: NASCOV - Nasal COVID, R/O COVID ONLY

Test includes: COVID-19 only

Priority: Routine only; <u>not</u> available as a STAT **Specimen Type:** Must be collected with nasal swab Should only be collected on asymptomatic patients

Turnaround time: 24-48 hours

CPT Code: U0003

Test Code: ABRNAT – Influenza A and B w/RSV NAT (PCR)

Test includes: Influenza A, Influenza B, and RSV **Priority:** Can be ordered as STAT or routine

Specimen Type: Must be collected with NP swab in appropriate media

Turnaround time: <=3 hours CPT Code: 87502, 87634

Test Code: ABCRNAT - COVID, Flu A/B, RSV PCR

Test includes: COVID-19, Influenza A, Influenza B, and RSV

Priority: Can be ordered as STAT or routine

Specimen Type: Must be collected with NP swab in appropriate media

Turnaround time for STAT: <= 3 hours Turnaround time for Routine: 24-48 hours

CPT Code: 87637

Test Code: ABCNAT - COVID, Flu A/B (AVAILABLE 2/1/2022)

Test includes: COVID-19, Influenza A, and Influenza B (does *NOT* include RSV)

Priority: Routine only; not available as a STAT

Specimen Type: Recommend collection with NP swab

Turnaround time: 24-48 hours

CPT Code: 87636

