

Is it COVID-19, Flu, RSV, or something else?



Respiratory tests can help you make a precise diagnosis

This flu season, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) rates are rising, 1 and we're still in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19), influenza A or B (flu), and RSV can present with similar symptoms such as fever, cough, and shortness of breath.

That's why it's important to consider testing for each of these contagious illnesses at the same time—especially for children, older adults, pregnant women, and people with underlying conditions or compromised immune systems.

Knowing which infection—or infections—are causing your patient's symptoms will help you make the best treatment decisions.

Whether caused by COVID-19, influenza, or RSV, the symptoms can be very similar²:

- Fever or feeling feverish/chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue (tiredness)
- Sore throat

- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle pain or body aches
- Headache
- Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults

Co-testing options with DLO

Our testing options use a single specimen to cotest for common respiratory pathogens, which help expedite diagnosis so you can develop an appropriate treatment/care plan.

Visit dlolab.com/covid-19/HCP to learn more.

Clinicians are encouraged to consider testing for other viral causes of respiratory illness, for example, influenza, in addition to testing for SARS-CoV-2.3



For more information, call your DLO account executive or **800.891.2917**, option **5**

Identifying the source of infection is the first step in managing patient care

DLO offers the convenience of co-testing for influenza A and B and RSV in conjunction with SARS-CoV-2. These panels require a healthcare provider's order and can be collected in your office, or the DLO Drive Thru at our Central Laboratory in Oklahoma City* can collect for 39448 and 97637.

Offerings and Panels for respiratory pathogen testing	Test code	CPT code(s)	Temperature	
SARS-CoV-2 RNA (COVID-19), Qualitative NAAT (AN or NP)	39448	87635 (HCPCS:U0003)	Ambient	
NEW: SARS-CoV-2 RNA (COVID-19), Qualitative NAAT, Influenza A/B and RSV, Immunoassay (must be NP)	97636	87807, 87635, 87804 (x2)	Refrigerated	
NEW: SARS-CoV-2 RNA (COVID-19), Qualitative NAAT, and Influenza A/B, Immunoassay (AN or NP)	97637	87635, 87804 (x2)	Refrigerated	
NEW: SARS-CoV-2 RNA (COVID-19), Qualitative NAAT, and RSV, Immunoassay (must be NP)	97638	87635 (HCPCS: U0003), 87807	Refrigerated	
* DLO Central Laboratory is located at 225 NE 97th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73114; see dlolab.com/drivethru for hours of operation				

DLO also offers individual testing for respiratory infections. **These tests require a healthcare provider's order and can only be collected in your office.**

Respiratory Pathogen Tests (Non-COVID)	Test code	CPT code(s)	Temperature
Influenza A and B, Immunoassay (AN or NP)	11177	87804 (x2)	Refrigerated
Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), Immunoassay (must be NP)	8467	87807	Refrigerated

Visit dlolab.com/test-directory to learn more about our complete portfolio of respiratory infection tests.

Acceptable specimen transport media/swabs/kits by test code

DLO/Quest Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS) NP** – TC 39448, 97636, 97637, 97638, 11177, 8467

NP kit ordering information: PeopleSoft item #: 207128

PeopleSoft product ID: K162 Kit, PBS, Quest, 100/CA

Ordered by the EA (each)

DLO/Quest Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS) AN** – TC 39448, 97637, 11177

PeopleSoft item #: 207621

PeopleSoft product ID: K165 KIT, ANTERIOR, NARES, PBS, 4PK

Ordered by the EA (each) in multiples of 4 only.

For example, ordering 8 EA results in 2 kits of 4.





** Cap color of collection device may vary

VCM (Copan)³ – TC 39448, 97636, 97637, 97638, 11177, 8467 (Flu A/B, RSV)

NP kit ordering information: PeopleSoft item #: 142059 PeopleSoft product ID #: S05 Quanum product ID #: S05 Ordered by the EA (each)



- The Quest test and other molecular tests have been authorized only for the detection of nucleic acid from SARS-CoV-2, not for any other viruses or pathogens.
- The Quest test and other molecular tests are only authorized for the duration of the declaration that circumstances exist justifying the authorization of emergency use of in vitro diagnostics for detection and/or diagnosis of COVID-19 under Section 564(b)(1) of the Act, 21 U.S.C. § 360bbb-3(b)(1), unless the authorization is terminated or revoked sooner.
- The Hologic Panther SARS CoV-2 RNA (COVID-19) Qualitative NAAT have not been FDA cleared.
- The Hologic Panther SARS CoV-2 RNA (COVID-19) Qualitative NAAT is only authorized for the duration of the declaration that circumstances exist justifying the authorization of emergency use of in vitro diagnostics for detection and/or diagnosis of COVID-19 under Section 564(b)(1) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Action, 21 U.S.C § 360bbb-3(b)(1), unless the authorization is terminated or revoked sooner.

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