



## **TECHNICAL BULLETIN**

☒ **NEW TEST**   ☐ **TEST CHANGE**

NOTIFICATION DATE: 12/16/2021

EFFECTIVE DATE: 11/22/2021

### **FLU PANEL AND COVID (FLU PANEL)**

Northwell Health Laboratories now offers the Flu Panel and COVID (FLU PANEL) test panel. This panel is intended for patients suspected of COVID-19 virus (SARS-CoV-2), Influenza A, Influenza B, or RSV (Respiratory syncytial virus). This targeted assay focuses on clinical actionable results. An additional order for COVID-19 testing is NOT needed. Both nasal swabs and nasopharyngeal (NP) swabs in UTM or VTM are acceptable. The Flu panel and Covid panel will replace the Flu A/B RSV panel.

<b>Test Requirement/Parameters</b>	<b>FLU PANEL AND COVID</b>	<b>FLU A/B RSV</b>
<b>Methodology</b>	RT-PCR	RT-PCR
<b>Respiratory Targets</b>	SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19 virus), influenza A, influenza B, and RSV (Respiratory syncytial virus)	Influenza A, influenza B, and RSV (Respiratory syncytial virus)
<b>Specimen Requirements</b>	Nasopharyngeal (NP) Swab in UTM or VTM	Nasopharyngeal (NP) Swab in UTM or VTM
<b>Specimen Volume/Min Volume</b>	3.0 mL of UTM or VTM/ Min 1.0 mL	3.0 mL of UTM or VTM/ Min 1.0 mL
<b>Specimen Stability</b>	3 days 2-8 C refrigerated	3 days 2-8 C refrigerated
<b>Reference Range</b>	Not Detected	Not Detected
<b>Computer Interface code</b>	<b>PDM# 2063700</b>	<b>PDM# 1763100</b>
<b>Test Order</b>	<b>FLU PANEL</b>	<b>FLU A B RSV BY PCR</b>

**If you have any questions, please contact Client Services at (516) 719-1100.**