



TECHNICAL BULLETIN

NEW TEST **TEST CHANGE**

NOTIFICATION DATE: MARCH 5, 2020

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

Viral Respiratory Culture (V VCR)

Effective immediately, in order to prevent inadvertent culture of SARS-CoV-2, the cause of COVID-19, the Viral Respiratory Culture (V VCR) test will become nonorderable. The alternative test is the (V RVP RAP). If a Viral Respiratory Culture is ordered this test will be cancelled and the alternative Respiratory Viral/Bacti Detection by NAT (V RVP RAP) test will be added on.

Test Requirement/Parameter	New Test Order V RVP RAP	Previous Test Order V VCR
Method:	Multiplex Amplified nucleic acid test PCR	Viral Culture
Sample	Collect specimen using a flexible shaft nasopharyngeal flocced swab. Dacron, rayon, or nylon swabs with plastic or wire shafts is also acceptable. (Calcium alginate, charcoal, or cotton tipped swab with wooden or metal shaft are not acceptable.) Place the swab into a tube containing 2 to 3 mL of viral transport medium (M4 or UTM) close tightly. Indicate source	Same collection
Specimen Stability:	Specimen Stability After collection: Room Temperature: 12 Hrs Refrigerated: 10 Days	Specimen Stability After collection: Room Temperature: 2 Hrs Refrigerated: 72 hours Frozen: Unacceptable

Computer Interface Code: [PDM # 6350695](#)

Test Order: [V RVP RAP](#)

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