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Test Update: Specimen Requirement Changes
Rapid Influenza Tests

November 1, 2019

Effective November 11, 2019, PathGroup rapid influenza testing options, **Influenza Type A Rapid Antigen** (Test Code: INFLA) and **Influenza Type B Rapid Antigen** (Test Code: INFLB), will require new specimen collection devices. The acceptable specimen collection devices include:

- Nasopharyngeal (NP) or nasal swab
- Sterile rayon, foam, or polyester flexible shaft NP swabs

PLEASE NOTE: After Monday, November 11, discontinue the use of the following specimen collection devices as they will no longer be valid for testing.

- Specimens placed in any liquid transport media such as BD Universal Swab, Amies media, M4-RT or M4 media
- Calcium alginate, Puritan Purflock Ultra, or Copan Regular Flocked Swabs

Clients who frequently order rapid influenza testing will be sent new specimen collection devices by Wednesday, November 6. If you do not receive a shipment, contact PathGroup Supplies to check the delivery status of your shipment or to place an order.

For additional information on rapid influenza testing, please refer to the PathGroup Directory of Services at http://www.pathgroup.com/clinical/testing-menu/.

PathGroup remains committed to providing the highest quality service to our clients and care to our patients. We thank you for the opportunity to serve you and your patients.

For further questions, please contact Client Services at 615-562-9300 or 1-888-474-5227.