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Test Order

Influenza (A/B) Real-time PCR

Synonym(s)	Flu PCR
Methodology	Real-time polymerase chain reaction (PCR)
Acceptable Specimen Type(s) for Testing	Nasopharyngeal swab; nasopharyngeal aspirate; nasal wash or aspirate; broncheoalveolar lavage; bronchial wash; tracheal aspirate. See below "Limitations, notes, disclaimers"
Transport / Collection Medium	Swabs must be placed in 2mL sterile Universal (or viral) transport medium (UTM or VTM)
Storage and Preservation of Specimen	Store at 2 – 8°C for up to 72 h; otherwise freeze at or below -30°C.
Minimum Volume Required	2 mL
Additional Collection Instructions	
Additional Required Information	Collection date required.
Send Out?	No
Turnaround Time	7 business days from receipt
Testing Restrictions	
Requisition Form(s)	http://sfcdcp.org/document.html?id=1035
Limitations / Notes / Disclaimers	Please refer to the San Francisco Communicable Disease Control Unit for more additional acceptable specimen types and for more information: http://www.sfcdcp.org/influenzareporting.html

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