

# New Test Addition: Express Flu/RSV PCR



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**Effective November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 St. Luke's Laboratory will add Influenza/RSV Multiplex PCR to our test menu.**

The Xpert® Xpress Flu/RSV Assay uses multiplex real-time, reverse transcriptase PCR (RT-PCR) for the qualitative detection and differentiation of Influenza A, Influenza B, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) viral RNA in nasopharyngeal swab specimens. The Xpert® Xpress Flu/RSV Assay will be offered *in addition* to our Xpert® Xpress Flu Assay and will replace the current RSV antigen enzyme immunoassay test. This test may be performed on patients of all ages.

\*Please note: This test is only intended to differentiate between Influenza A, Influenza B, and RSV. This test does not define Influenza A subtypes, Influenza B lineages, or RSV subgroups.

This PCR test will be performed by St. Luke's Hospital Laboratory only. All off-site clinics that currently perform testing for Influenza and RSV will continue to perform the enzyme immunoassay test.

### **Sample Type:**

- Nasopharyngeal swab specimen in Universal Transport Medium (UTM).

**Test Name:** INFLUENZA RSV PCR, Nasopharyngeal (Test Code: FLURSVPCR)

If you have questions, please contact St. Luke's Microbiology Laboratory at 218-249-5319 or Dr. Jon Steinhauer at 218-249-5749.