

New Rapid Influenza A and B Test to Replace Rapid Antigen Testing

Effective, November 23rd, 2015, St. John Providence Laboratory will be replacing the current Binax Now rapid influenza A and B antigen detection test with the Alere™ i Influenza A & B assay. **See the Technical Bulletin: New Rapid Influenza A and B Test for more detailed insight.**

Specimen: BBL CultureSwab EZ

Transport Conditions: Refrigerated

Unacceptable Specimens / Rejection Criteria: Swab in any other media than what is listed above.

Test Availability: 24/7

Ordering	Test Name	Mnemonic
Labworks	Rapid Influenza RNA A/B	RFLU
Athena		-

Results: Positive- Influenza A viral RNA detected by isothermal nucleic acid amplification.
 Negative– Influenza A viral RNA not detected by isothermal nucleic acid amplification.
 Indeterminate -The presence or absence of Influenza A viral RNA cannot be determined.

Positive- Influenza B viral RNA detected by isothermal nucleic acid amplification.
 Negative - Influenza B viral RNA not detected by isothermal nucleic acid amplification.
 Indeterminate- The presence or absence of Influenza B viral RNA cannot be determined.

CPT-4 Code: 87502-QW

LOINC Code: 72366-8 or 72367-6

As in the past, this test is not on our STAT menu and will not be offered for STAT courier pickup or processing.

For additional questions or for clarification, please contact the Microbiology Department at 313-343-3530 or the Technical Director, Ted Schutzbank, PhD at 313-343-3239. You may also contact your Client Account Specialist.