

PEMBROKE REGIONAL HOSPITAL

MEMO

TO: All Staff and Physicians

FROM: Dr. Hurley and Infection Prevention and Control

DATE: Monday December 23rd, 2024

SUBJECT: Respiratory Illness Testing for Inpatients

With the funding support for COVID-19 testing eliminated, the following recommendations are now in place for respiratory illness testing at PRH.

Symptomatic Inpatients:

For patients with new or worsening respiratory symptoms, a Quadplex test (PCR) should be ordered. This will offer simultaneous testing for Influenza A virus, Influenza B virus, Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) and SARS-CoV-2.

Asymptomatic Inpatients:

For asymptomatic patients under surveillance for exposure to COVID-19 and as part of outbreak management protocols, COVID-19 standalone tests (PCR) will be ordered.

With many co-circulating respiratory illnesses, utilizing the Quadplex for symptomatic patients will allow for accurate and rapid results, optimize diagnostic efficiency and improve the provision of appropriate treatment.

For Lab Order Entry:

Select procedure code- "COVRVT"

Procedure Code	Available to order?	Description
COVRVT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Quadplex viral respiratory-Inf A_Inf B_RSV_COVID19