

LAB ALERT: Viral Cultures to be Discontinued

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To: South Dakota Public Health Laboratory Clientele

From: South Dakota Public Health Laboratory Client Services

On September 29, 2017 the South Dakota Public Health Laboratory (SDPHL) will discontinue all viral cultures. Adenovirus Virus Cultures (VOI) and Influenza Virus Cultures (VRI) will be replaced with the Respiratory Pathogens Panel (RPP), a nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT) performed on a nasopharyngeal swab in viral transport medium. Enteric Virus Cultures (VEI) will be replaced with the Gastrointestinal Pathogens Panel (GIP), a NAAT performed on stool in Cary Blair transport medium. Please refer to the previous Lab Alert “Implementation of Viral Molecular Panels at the South Dakota Public Health Laboratory” for additional details on the RPP and GIP. Cytomegalovirus Cultures (VCI), Herpes Virus Cultures (VHI), and Varicella Zoster Cultures (VOI) will be discontinued without replacement; the SDPHL will continue to offer Varicella Zoster Virus IgG (VNZ) serological analysis performed on serum. Please see the summary table below for further details.

Discontinued Test

Adenovirus Culture (VOI)
Influenza Virus Culture (VRI)
Enteric Virus Culture (VEI)
Cytomegalovirus Culture (VCI)
Herpes Virus Culture (VHI)
Varicella Zoster Culture (VOI)
Miscellaneous Virus Culture (VOI)

Order Instead

Respiratory Pathogens Panel (RPP)
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Gastrointestinal Pathogens Panel (GIP)
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Please distribute this letter to others in your facility that may need this information.

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