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## Changes in Respiratory testing as the Respiratory Season 2022/2023 ends

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### Respiratory Testing at Regional Centers

As the respiratory season 2022/2023 ends, STAT nucleic acid testing for respiratory viruses Flu A, Flu B, RSV, and COVID-19 at the regional sites will be restricted to HOSPITALIZED PATIENTS ONLY.

All routine nucleic acid respiratory testing will be performed at the Microbiology & Molecular Pathology Laboratory (MMP) in Marshfield with a turnaround time of 24 hours.

### Discontinuation of nasal samples (Test Code: NASCOV)

The volume of COVID-19 testing has been declining now that Marshfield Clinic Health System providers and staff are no longer required to perform COVID-19 testing on all hospital admissions or preoperative surgical cases, and Employee Health announced ceasing performing COVID-19 testing for employees who report COVID-19 symptoms. Therefore, COVID-19 testing on nasal samples will be discontinued as of May 15th, 2023, as the nasopharynx is the recommended collection site for detecting COVID-19.

#### Questions:

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