



Newfoundland & Labrador

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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IN NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

FROM: PUBLIC HEALTH MICROBIOLOGY LABORATORY

RE: BROAD RESPIRATORY PANEL TESTING

DATE: JANUARY 26, 2022

COVID-19 laboratory testing demand continues to be high. In addition, the activity of non-COVID19 respiratory infection is very low. In this context, the Public Health Microbiology Laboratory (PHML) will automatically perform the broad/ full respiratory panel (i.e. influenza, RSV, parainfluenza, rhinovirus etc) only for:

- Inpatients in acute care settings with symptoms and/or signs of respiratory infection.
- Query non-COVID 19 respiratory infection outbreaks in long term care (LTC) or other institutional residents.

To avoid delay in sample processing, please provide clinical details when ordering tests.

Broad/ full respiratory pathogen panel testing outside the above clinical settings requires consultation and approval by the Microbiologist on Call (MOC).

All testing related questions can be directed to the Microbiologist on Call through hospital locating at 709-777-6300 or microbiologistoncall@easternhealth.ca.

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