ACL Discontinues Using Hologic Aptima® Tubes for SARS-CoV-2, Influenza and RSV Testing

November 2022

Effective Monday, December 12, 2022, the Hologic Aptima® tube / collection devices will only be accepted for "2019 Novel Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) PCR (Test Order Code LAB10635).

The Hologic Aptima® Multitest Collection Devices (orange label) and Hologic Aptima® Direct Load Tubes (huckleberry/lavender label) **will no longer be accepted** for the following tests:

- Rapid SARS-CoV-2 by PCR (Test Order Code LAB10644)
- COVID/FLU by PCR (Test Order Code LAB10889)
- COVID/FLU/RSV Panel (Test Order Code LAB10789)

Unacceptable Collection Devices effective 12/12/2022

Hologic Aptima® Multitest Collection Devices (orange label)

Hologic Aptima® Direct Load Tubes (huckleberry/lavender label)

Specimens submitted in Hologic Aptima® collection devices for the tests listed above produce invalid test results at rates in excess of 20%. Invalid results require repeat testing leading to significant increases in supply and labor costs and can also delay reporting of patient results.

Hologic Aptima® collection devices were previously accepted for these tests due to frequent testing changes and collection device shortages. However, now that testing and specimen collection supplies have stabilized, ACL will no longer accept the Hologic Tubes. This change will reduce the percentage of invalid test results, which decrease costs and improve turnaround time.

ACL recommends submitting specimens for the tests identified above in viral transport medium. Examples of suitable products to replace Hologic collection devices include:

- NASAL SWAB M4RT COLLECTION KIT
- NASAL FLOCKED SWAB WITH 3ML UTM
- POLY NASAL SWAB 3ML UTM
- NASAL SWAB 3ML M6 COLLECTION KIT
- NASAL SWAB VTM COLLECTION KIT (NEW)

For additional information regarding these tests, as well as specimen collection requirements, please contact ACL Client Services at 1.800.877.7016 or visit our website at acllaboratories.com/test-catalog/.