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An Important Update from Legacy Laboratory Services

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Viral Culture Discontinuation

Due to the SARS-COV-2 Pandemic Legacy Laboratory Services is immediately suspending viral cell cultures and antigen detection testing of any kind. The affected tests are: Herpes Simplex culture, Herpes Simplex Virus/Varicella Zoster culture, Cytomegalovirus culture, Chlamydia culture, and the Varicella Zoster Virus antigen detection test. The below table includes the discontinued culture with the available alternate options. These viral culture assays were all performed on limited sources and this change only applies to the tests that have been discontinued within the Microbiology lab and does not affect any test not indicated. Please refer to the test table for more detailed information about sources, collection, transport and stability of the alternate tests.

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| Herpes Simplex Virus, Varicella    | Swab or lesion                  | Two tests:  
- HSV ½ DNA by Real time PCR  
- Varicella-Zoster Virus, Molecular Detection, PCR Body Fluid | Legacy Laboratory Services      |
| Varicella Zoster Virus antigen detection kit | Lesion                          | Varicella – Zoster Virus Molecular Detection, PCR Body Fluid | Mayo Medical Laboratory        |
| Rapid CMV                          | Bronchoalveolar lavage, Tissue, Urine | Cytomegalovirus Qualitive by PCR.                 | ARUP NOTE: ARUP will still perform RAPID CMV cultures. This is a send out. |
| Chlamydia Culture                  | Urogenital                      | Chlamydia and Gonorrhoeae by Amplified DNA, BD QX | Legacy Laboratory Services      |

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