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Dear Provider,

This letter serves as a notification of two (2) new tests offered by the Alaska State Virology Laboratory.

1. An expanded respiratory pathogen panel designed by the Luminex Corporation called the NxTAG® Respiratory Pathogen Panel (RPP) is now available.

Test: Respiratory Pathogen Panel (RPP)	CPT 87633	Cost: \$283.33
Preferred specimen type*	Nasopharyngeal swab (NP)	
Acceptable specimen types* <i>*All respiratory specimens should be submitted in an acceptable Universal Transport Media (UTM). Use only synthetic (Dacron) swabs. Cotton or calcium-alginate tips and wooden or metal shafts are not acceptable.</i>	Nasal Swab (NS) Dual NP/NS Nasal Wash (NW) Tracheal Aspirate (TA) Nasal Aspirate (NA) Lung Tissue (TI) Bronchial Wash (BW) Bronchoalveolar Lavage (BL) Bronchial Brushing (BB) Buccal Swab (BC) Endotracheal Aspirate (EA) Mouth (MO) Oropharyngeal (OR) Sputum (SP) Tracheal Swab (TR)	
Storage & Transport	2 – 8° C	
16 Targets (14 viral, 2 bacterial)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respiratory Syncytial Virus (Groups A & B) • Rhinovirus/Enterovirus • Parainfluenza (Types 1, 2, 3, and 4) • Human metapneumovirus • Adenovirus • Coronavirus (HKU1, NL63, 229E, OC43) • Human Bocavirus • <i>Chlamydomphila pneumoniae</i> • <i>Mycoplasma pneumoniae</i> 	

2. Herpes simplex virus (HSV) testing from swabs is now available to detect HSV types I and II by PCR. If a specimen is from a source other than those listed, please choose “other” on the form.

Test: HSV PCR		CPT 87529	Cost: \$48.14
Preferred specimen types*	Mouth (MO) Skin (SK) Genital (GE) Throat (TS) Eye (EY)		
Acceptable specimen type*	Other (OT)		
*All swab specimens should be submitted in an acceptable Universal Transport Media (UTM). Use only synthetic (Dacron) swabs. Cotton or calcium-alginate tips and wooden or metal shafts are not acceptable.			
Storage & Transport	2 – 8° C		
Targets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Herpes Simplex Virus Type 1 • Herpes Simplex Virus Type 2 		

A signed memorandum of agreement (MOA) must be received from your facility before these tests can be performed. *Signing the agreement is free and does not obligate you to send specimens to us.* However, having the MOA in place helps eliminate paperwork hassles at the time of testing and also prepares our administration for billing if you decide to use these services. State of Alaska epidemiological and forensic investigations are exempt from fees at this time.

We appreciate your support and continued assistance with identifying pathogens in our patient population. As always, please don't hesitate to contact us if you have questions about our services.

Sincerely,



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