**To:** Dartmouth Health Southern Region Providers

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**Re:** New In-House Test Offering, COVID-19, Influenza A/B and RSV PCR &

Discontinuation of Influenza A/B and RSV PCR, Rapid & Influenza A/B and COVID-19 PCR, Rapid at the Southern Region Labs

Effective June 10, 2025, the Southern Region Laboratories will be making a change to the PCR Respiratory Panel testing offered. Testing via the following 3-plex PCR tests: Influenza A/B and RSV PCR, Rapid [LAB4035] and Influenza A/B and COVID-19 PCR, Rapid [LAB4257] will be discontinued. A new test, via 4-plex PCR will be offered as a replacement: COVID-19, Influenza A/B and RSV PCR [LAB4307].

**Why is this change being made?**

The Respiratory Panel PCR testing menu has been updated to better meet the needs of our patients in the southern region. Testing will now be available as a 4-plex, with all testing performed simultaneously from a single swab. This will have the advantage of obtaining all 4 results from one collection, without the need to forward COVID-19 testing to DHMC, as is the current practice. There will be no change to the sample collection requirements or sample stability.

If stand-alone COVID-19 PCR testing is required, please order [LAB4232] COVID-19 PCR, and samples will be sent to Lebanon for analysis at DHMC.

**What do Providers need to do?**

Note that any order sets containing the previous 3-plex orderable codes will need to be removed from Provider preference lists.

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