

New Laboratory Test: Influenza A H5N1 RT-PCR

Situation



- ❖ **Effective December 18th, 2024**, the Clinical Virology Laboratory will offer a new test for the qualitative detection of Influenza A H5N1 virus.

Background

- ❖ This test uses RT-PCR to provide the qualitative detection of Influenza A H5N1 virus in patients with Positive/Detected Influenza A.
- ❖ This test is not available as a standalone test for patients with negative Influenza A results.

Assessment

- ❖ To order, select the option to perform Influenza A H5N1 subtyping when ordering any respiratory panel that includes Influenza A.
- ❖ If selected, Influenza A H5 RT-PCR will automatically reflex when positive Influenza A specimen results are detected.

Order Codes (Influenza A)	Reflex Test Code	Result	Turnaround Time
LABSTATCOVRESPCR	LABFLUH5N1	Positive / Negative	7 Days
LABSTATCOVFLUABR			
LABCOVRESPCR			
LABCOVFLUABR			

Recommendation

- Refer to [Stanfordlab.com](https://stanfordlab.com) for [H5N1 test details](#).
- For questions, contact Lab Customer Service at (650) 724-4750