



September 9, 2024

Dear community providers, office managers and staff;

As a Reminder, the [Governors Executive Order](#), allowing phlebotomist to practice outside their scope collecting nasopharyngeal (NP) swabs, ended on May 22, 2023.

The CVPH Outpatient Lab no longer collects nasopharyngeal (NP) swabs and Respiratory Therapy is not available to collect nasopharyngeal (NP) on outpatients.

As our valued customer, we want to share with you that:

- When influenza/RSV/COVID are considered, you collect NP specimens at your practice. The platform the respiratory panel runs on requires a NP swab.
- Supplies for NP collection are available from the CVPH Lab. Please call us at (518) 562-7400 to request viral media and NP swab.
- Our Respiratory Therapy team would be happy to provide an in-service training on NP collections. Please call us at (518) 562-7400 to request.

We have weathered many changes thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic – some are permanent and others, like how NPs are collected are able to return to their post-COVID protocol.

Thank you for your understanding. We appreciate your partnership in keeping our community healthy.

Thank you.

Lab Leadership

Respiratory Team

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