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TESTING UPDATE

Bordetella PCR Assay

Effective January 8, 2019 Fairview will be replacing the current Bordetella PCR assay due to a discontinuation of reagents by the manufacturer.

New assay is a qualitative multiplex PCR assay able to detect and differentiate Bordetella pertussis and Bordetella parapertussis in nasopharyngeal (NP) swabs. A nasopharyngeal swab in 1 or 3 mL of Universal Transport Media (UTM) is the only acceptable specimen source.

Panel Name: Bordetella pertussis and parapertussis PCR-NP

Panel Code: LAB952, PPC

CPT Code: 87798x2

Collection Requirements: FLOCKED SWAB IN UTM (RED CAP)

Shipping/Handling Instructions:

SUBMIT: Flocked swab in Universal Transport Medium (posterior nasopharyngeal collection ONLY)
REFRIGERATED.

UNACCEPTABLE: Calcium-alginate swabs (shown to inhibit PCR), dry or moistened cotton swabs,
specimens not in proper container or from any other sources.

NOTE: Specimens are stable up to 5 days refrigerated. Positives will be reported to MDH.

Performing Locations: FAIRVIEW LABORATORY

Please contact Client Services for further assistance:
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