



# Technical Bulletin

## Testing Support for 2022-2023 Respiratory Disease Season

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In addition to widely circulating SARS-CoV-2 Omicron subvariants, other respiratory viruses such as influenza (<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/spotlights/2022-2023/early-flu-activity.htm>) and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) (<https://newsnetwork.mayoclinic.org/discussion/rsv-season-what-parents-need-to-know/>) are showing early season activity. Below is a summary of respiratory pathogen tests offered by DLS.

Test Name	Test Code	Comments
Influenza by PCR	6234	Usually ordered with COVID
COVID by PCR	7179	Usually ordered with Influenza
COVID Asymptomatic Screen by PCR	7223	Historically used for pre-op, pre-procedure, hospital admissions, post-exposure, travel and event screens
COVID Semi-rapid (Hospital labs) by PCR	7685	Time sensitive testing
RSV Antigen	6668	An option to RSV PCR, albeit less sensitive
Influenza & RSV by PCR	6255	At risk groups including the young, elderly, and compromised
Respiratory Panel by PCR	6439	Multiplex upper respiratory agents: <a href="https://dlslab.com/documents/bulletins/covid_19_0220.pdf">https://dlslab.com/documents/bulletins/covid_19_0220.pdf</a>
Pneumonia Panel by PCR	7212	Multiplex for lower respiratory agents and antibiotic resistance genes: <a href="https://dlslab.com/documents/bulletins/2020/tech-memo-rapid-multiplex-pneumonia-panel-6-15-2020.pdf">https://dlslab.com/documents/bulletins/2020/tech-memo-rapid-multiplex-pneumonia-panel-6-15-2020.pdf</a>

DOH Influenza/Respiratory Disease Surveillance reports: [https://health.hawaii.gov/docd/disease\\_listing/influenza-flu/](https://health.hawaii.gov/docd/disease_listing/influenza-flu/)

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