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	Test code	CPT® code ^a	Swab specimen type & collection media ^b			Stability					Adenovirus	Human Metapneumovirus	Human Parainfluenza Virus 1	Human Parainfluenza Virus 2	Human Parainfluenza Virus 3	Human Parainfluenza Virus 4	Human RSV A	Human RSV B	Influenza A	Influenza A Subtype H1	Influenza A Subtype H3	Influenza B	Rhinovirus/Enterovirus	Coronavirus 229E	Coronavirus OC43	Coronavirus NL63	Coronavirus HKU1	<i>Chlamydomphila pneumoniae</i>	<i>Mycoplasma pneumoniae</i>	SARS-CoV-2		
			Anterior Nares	Nasopharyngeal	Oropharyngeal	Transport Temperature	Room Temp	Refrigerated	Frozen -20 °C	Frozen -70 °C																						
COVID Molecular Respiratory Pathogen Tests and Panels																																
SARS-CoV-2 RNA Qualitative NAAT (COVID-19)	39448	87635	UTM, UVT, VCM, VTM, 0.9% physiologic saline or phosphate buffered saline (PBS), or M4, M4RT, M5, M6, eSwab	UTM, UVT, VCM, VTM, 0.9% physiologic saline or phosphate buffered saline (PBS), or M4, M4RT, M5, M6, eSwab	UTM, UVT, VCM or 0.9% physiologic saline or phosphate buffered saline (PBS)	Refrigerated (cold packs)	5 days	5 days	Acceptable	Acceptable																						•
SARS-CoV-2 RNA (COVID-19) and Influenza A and B, Qualitative NAAT	31688	87636	UTM, UVT, VCM, VTM or 0.9% physiologic saline or phosphate buffered saline (PBS)	UTM, UVT, VCM, VTM or 0.9% physiologic saline or phosphate buffered saline (PBS)		Refrigerated (cold packs)	7 days	14 days	PBS: Unacceptable										•		•											•
									0.9% saline: 7 days UTM, UVT, VCM: 30 days																							
SARS-CoV-2 RNA (COVID-19), Influenza A/B and RSV RNA, Qualitative NAAT	39816	87637 (Hologic)	VCM, UTM	VCM, UTM		Refrigerated (cold packs)	24 hours	7 days	Not established	UTM, VCM or equivalent: 3 months							•	•	•		•										•	
Molecular Respiratory Pathogen Tests and Panels (Non-COVID)																																
Influenza A or B, RNA Qualitative RT-PCR	16086	87502		M4/VCM/UTM/VTM or 0.9% physiological saline and phosphate buffered Saline (PBS)	M4/VCM/UTM/VTM or 0.9% physiological saline and phosphate buffered Saline (PBS)	Refrigerated (cold packs)	48 hours	14 days	PBS: Unacceptable										•		•		•									
									30 days: Acceptable																							
Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) RNA, Qualitative Real-Time PCR	16047	87634		M4, UTM/VCM	M4, UTM/VCM	Refrigerated (cold packs)	48 hours OP; 7 days NP/ BAL/sputum	7 days OP; 14 days NP/ BAL/sputum	30 days	Not established							•	•														
Influenza A and B and RSV RNA, Qualitative, Real-Time RT-PCR	91989	87631		VCM/UTM		Refrigerated (cold packs)	Unacceptable	7 days	Unacceptable	Acceptable							•	•	•		•											
Respiratory Viral Panel (RVP)	95512	87633		VCM/UTM, M4, M4RT or equivalent		Refrigerated (cold packs)	Unacceptable	7 days	Not established	Not established	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•									•
Respiratory Pathogen Panel (RPP)	37444	87633, 87486 (<i>C pneumoniae</i>), 87581 (<i>M pneumoniae</i>)		VCM/UTM, M4, M4RT or equivalent		Refrigerated (cold packs)	Unacceptable	7 days	Not established	Not established	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

Components of panels can be ordered separately. The Respiratory Viral Panel, PCR, includes testing for the detection of the following pathogens, all of which can be ordered individually by their specific Quest code: Adenovirus DNA, Qualitative, Real-Time PCR (test code [16046](#)); Influenza A and B Virus with Subtyping, Real-Time PCR (test code [91335](#)); Rhinovirus RNA, Real-Time PCR (test code [40035](#)); Enterovirus RNA, Qualitative, Real-Time PCR (test code [15082](#)); and Human Metapneumovirus RNA, Qualitative, Real-Time PCR (test code [40034](#)). The Respiratory Pathogen Panel includes all the previous tests listed for the Respiratory Viral Panel as well as Parainfluenza Virus (Types 1, 2, 3, and 4) RNA, Qualitative, Real-Time PCR (test code [91228](#)); *Chlamydomphila pneumoniae* DNA, Qualitative, Real-Time PCR (test code [16003](#)); and *Mycoplasma pneumoniae* DNA, Qualitative, Real-Time PCR (test code [15498](#)).

^a The CPT codes provided are based on AMA guidelines and are for informational purposes only. CPT coding is the sole responsibility of the billing party. Please direct any questions regarding coding to the payer being billed.

^b Listed are preferred specimen collection summaries; for complete information on specimen requirements, refer to the Test Directory.

BAL, Bronchial lavage; NP, Nasopharyngeal; OP, Oropharyngeal; PBS, Phosphate-buffered saline; VCM-GC, VCM green cap or equivalent; VCM-GPC, VCM green or purple cap or equivalent.

- The Quest Diagnostics molecular test, the other authorized molecular tests (together the “molecular tests”), the COVID/Flu molecular test, the COVID/Flu/RSV test, and the antibody test (together “the tests”) have not been FDA cleared or approved;
- The COVID/Flu/RSV test has been authorized only for the simultaneous qualitative detection and differentiation of nucleic acids from SARS-CoV-2, influenza A, influenza B, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and not for any other viruses or pathogens; and
- The tests are only authorized for the duration of the declaration that circumstances exist justifying the authorization of emergency use of in vitro diagnostics for detection and/or diagnosis of COVID-19 under Section 564(b)(1) of the Act, 21 U.S.C. § 360bbb-3(b)(1), unless the authorization is terminated or revoked sooner.

Test codes may vary by location. Please contact your local laboratory for more information.