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Detection of Rhinovirus by Real Time RT PCR *Laboratory Submission Information Sheet*

Reporting of suspect case to Maine CDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•No
Required To Submit Laboratory Specimen	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•No
Required Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Information on requisition must include: test requested, patient name, DOB, date of collection, specimen source or type, submitter name and contact information.•Important: all specimens must be labeled with patient name, DOB or other unique identifier, and be accompanied by a HETL requisition.
Specimen Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Preferred: Nasopharyngeal swab, Throat swab, Nasal wash•Other Acceptable specimens: Lower respiratory specimens (bronchial wash), Nasal aspirate, Sputum•ONLY synthetic-tipped swabs (Polyester, Rayon, Dacron) with plastic shafts should be used.
Collection Instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Specimens should be submitted in viral transport media or other appropriate transfer media•Store specimens at 2-8°C until ready for shipping. Specimens should be submitted to lab as soon as possible. Use wet ice or cold packs to maintain 2-8°C during delivery.
Turn Around Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Results are generally available within 1 - 3 business days of specimen receipt
Unacceptable Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Specimens received without a form and clinical details or with insufficient material to analyze.•Specimens in poorly labeled or leaking containers•Do not use wooden shaft or calcium alginate swab
Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Rhinovirus RNA Detected or Rhinovirus RNA Not Detected•Results will only be reported to the submitter listed on the requisition
Laboratory Testing Fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•\$110
Applicable CPT Codes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•87798
Additional Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Bacteriology at 207-287-1704•Virology, Respiratory, Arbovirus, Serology, and STI at 207-287-1722•Molecular Biology, Sequencing, and Foodborne at 207-287-5769•Mycobacterium and Rabies at 207-287-1706