



# COVID-19 and Seasonal Influenza: Interim Guidance for Health Care and Public Health Providers

## TESTING

**Table 6.1 Recommended Respiratory Viral Testing by Clinical Presentation, Including Confirmatory RT-PCR Testing**

Patient Presentation	Recommended Rapid Tests		Results of Rapid Testing		Presumptive Diagnosis	Recommended Confirmatory Testing		
	COVID-19 POC	Influenza A/B RIDT*	COVID-19 POC	Influenza A/B RIDT*		COVID-19 RT-PCR	Influenza A/B RT-PCR†	Comprehensive VRP RT-PCR
						OR COVID-19 and Influenza Combo RT-PCR		
Symptomatic (See <a href="#">Table 5.1</a> )	YES	YES	+	-	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO
			+	+	COVID-19 & influenza	YES	YES	NO
			-	+	Influenza	YES	YES	NO
			-	-	ILI, unknown etiology	YES	NO	YES
Asymptomatic Exposed	YES	NO	+		COVID-19	YES	NO	NO
			-		None	Optional	NO	NO
Asymptomatic NOT Exposed	YES	NO	+		COVID-19	YES	NO	NO
			-		None	NO	NO	NO

RT-PCR = Reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction; POC = Point of Care; RIDT = Rapid Influenza Diagnostic Test; VRP = Viral respiratory panel; ILI = Influenza-like illness.

\* Use RIDT only during flu season; otherwise, use RT-PCR for influenza testing. When indicated and available, RSV rapid tests can be used to evaluate symptomatic patients.

† When indicated, RSV RT-PCR tests, including multi-pathogen combo tests, should be used to evaluate symptomatic patients.

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