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**RE: Influenza & other respiratory virus testing at the NVRL for the 2017-18 season**

Dear Colleague

I am writing to inform you that for the upcoming respiratory season (week 40 2017 – week 20 2018), the NVRL will routinely carry out influenza A (including H1/H3 subtype analysis), influenza B, RSV, parainfluenza viruses 1-4, adenovirus and human metapneumovirus testing on all requests for respiratory virus investigations as normal. In addition, following the successful introduction of the Luminex platform in January of this year, the NVRL will offer results for an expanded panel of respiratory pathogens on all specimen types received for testing. Consequently, results for pan-rhinovirus/enterovirus, coronaviruses, *Mycoplasma pneumoniae* and *Chlamydia pneumoniae* will be provided.

Testing for *Pneumocystis jirovecii*, CMV DNA, HSV DNA, and VZV DNA will also be available by prior request. Please telephone the laboratory on 01 7164401 to discuss these additional test requests or to identify those patients where urgent (same day) testing is required. Please note that if the additional test requests are not urgent, they can also be requested online through the NVRL website ([nvrl.ucd.ie/additional\\_testing](http://nvrl.ucd.ie/additional_testing)).

Unfortunately, as in recent seasons, we regret that we are not in a position to telephone positive respiratory virus results. However, specimens flagged as urgent on our urgent tracking system will be telephoned to the contact number provided.

Finally, the NVRL characterises a representative number of influenza isolates each year as part of the national commitment to the WHO Global Influenza Surveillance Programme. We would like to thank all our laboratory partners for submitting their isolates and ask you to continue submitting influenza strains during the upcoming season to maintain the quality and national representativeness of this data. Influenza characterisation results are available in the NVRL Annual Report published on our website.

If you have any queries in relation to the above please do not hesitate to contact the laboratory.

Yours sincerely

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