



RESPIRATORY SURVEILLANCE NEEDS YOU

Collect and submit specimens weekly for influenza and COVID-19 testing from two influenza-like illness (ILI) or COVID-like illness (CLI) patients that meet the following criteria:

- ILI symptoms include: Fever of at least 100.4°F along with cough or sore throat with no other known cause.
- CLI symptoms include: Fever of at least 100.4°F, cough, shortness of breath, and/or new loss of taste and smell.

AND ANY PATIENTS WITH ILI AND CLI WHO:

- Are hospitalized
- Are pregnant
- Have had recent international travel
- Report exposure to backyard flocks, dairy cattle, and/or pigs
- Are 65 years and older or younger than 2 years old
- Have a Body Mass Index of 30 or higher
- Have underlying chronic health conditions (e.g., cardiovascular disease; chronic lung disease; weakened immune system; blood, endocrine, or metabolic disorders)

Submit Nasopharyngeal or Nasal Swabs

Complete and submit a requisition form for each specimen by using your facility's state laboratory Webportal account or by using the online form at <https://bit.ly/bcl-kits>.

Send Webportal inquiries to the Bureau of Clinical Laboratories at LIMSSupport@adph.state.al.us.

Ship

Specimens must be received within 3 days of collection. Ship specimens Monday - Thursday via UPS or drop off at your local health department to be couriered to:

Bureau of Clinical Laboratories
204 Legends Court
Prattville, AL 36066



Order

Order additional respiratory test kits by using the online form at <https://bit.ly/bcl-kits>.

Your participation makes a significant impact.

Testing at the Bureau of Clinical Laboratories helps measure the increase and decrease of certain influenza and SARS-CoV-2 strain types across Alabama. Specimens are then forwarded to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to monitor evolutionary changes that continually occur in these viruses. The data from their studies compare how relative the current vaccines and antivirals are to the viruses currently circulating in the population. Participation in respiratory surveillance assists with providing updates to next season's vaccine, new formulations of antivirals, and advancements in viral testing.

For more information, visit alabamapublichealth.gov/flu
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