

# eSensor Respiratory Viral Panel (RVP) Procedure

## PURPOSE

- This procedure provides instructions for preparing samples, isolating nucleic acid, setting up the RT-PCR reaction, and running the RVP assay for the simultaneous detection of multiple respiratory viral nucleic acids in a sample

## POLICY STATEMENT

- RVP testing is performed daily; samples must arrive by 0730 to provide same day results

## ABBREVIATIONS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EM: easyMAG</li> <li>EXC: extraction control</li> <li>F/T: freeze/thaw</li> <li>IC: internal control</li> <li>MM: master mix</li> <li>NA: Nucleic Acid</li> <li>NEGC: negative control</li> <li>NFW: nuclease free water</li> <li>RT-PCR: reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>POSC: positive control</li> <li>RSV: respiratory syncytial virus</li> <li>RT: room temperature</li> <li>RVP: Respiratory Viral Panel</li> <li>VTM: viral transport media</li> <li>Area/Room 1: Clean room</li> <li>Area/Room 2: Processing room</li> <li>Area/Room 3: Amplification room</li> </ul> |
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## DOCUMENTATION/RECORDS

- RVP Currents RUO Results Report
- RVP Detection Report, RUORV
- easyMAG Extraction Report
- LIS Incomplete and Completed worksheets
- Daily Maintenance Log

## SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

- Standard precautions for infectious agents. Refer to [MB 2.02](#), Biohazard containment
- Use of engineering controls: Refer to [MB 3.01](#) Engineering Controls to Prevent Nucleic Acid Contamination
- General Safety: [MB 2.01](#) Safe Work Practices
- NucliSens EasyMAG Lysis Buffer and Wash Buffer 1 contain guanidine thiocyanate. Guanidine thiocyanate is harmful by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed. Contact with acid liberates very toxic gas.
- Caution:** Protective eyewear and PPE must be worn when working with concentrated Extran

## MATERIALS REQUIRED

Equipment	Reagents	Supplies
<b>Room 1</b>	eSensor RVP kit: Product No. MT005102	Sterile filtered 10 µl pipette tips
	easyMAG Lysis buffer, 2 ml	Sterile filtered 30 µl pipette tips
	easyMAG Buffer 1	Sterile filtered 100 µl pipette tips
	easyMAG Buffer 2	Sterile filtered 200 µl pipette tips
	easyMAG Buffer 3	Sterile filtered 1000 µl pipette tips
<b>Room 2</b>	MagSil	Micro tubes 1.5 ml, RNase/DNase free
	Molecular grade water, nuclease free	Nitrile gloves (powder-free)
	Viral transport media (VTM)	PCR 8 tube strips with caps

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<b>Room 2 cont.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cold Block</li> <li>▪ Freezer, -70° C</li> <li>▪ Magnetic rack</li> <li>▪ Mini-centrifuge</li> <li>▪ NucliSens easyMag</li> <li>▪ Refrigerator 2 – 8° C</li> <li>▪ Tube racks, 1.5 – 2 ml</li> <li>▪ Vortex mixer</li> </ul>	Extraction Controls (H1, H3, RSV, Flu B, hMPV)	easyMag disposable vessel strips and tips
	Sani-Cloth Bleach Wipes (10%)	BioHit pipette tips
	70% alcohol	BioHazard wipes
	5% Extran	Gripper rack
	MMQCI RVP Control Panel	Sharps disposal container
<b>Room 3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Adjustable pipettes</li> <li>▪ Cold Block</li> <li>▪ Freezer, -20° C</li> <li>▪ GenMark eSensor XT-8 instrument</li> <li>▪ Mini-centrifuge</li> <li>▪ PCR thermocycler</li> <li>▪ PCR workstation</li> <li>▪ Vortex mixer</li> </ul>		

## QUALITY CONTROL

### A. Assay Controls

1. A POSC and NEGC must be included in each assay run.
2. The POSC serves as an extraction control and a reagent control.
3. Rotate POSC/EXC as follows:

Order	Viral Extraction Control
1	2009 H1N1
2	Seasonal Flu H3
3	Influenza B
4	RSV
5	hMPV

4. An IC is incorporated into each reaction mixture prior to extraction.
5. Include one POSC/EXC and one NEGC with each extraction run.
6. Bi – monthly (1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>): Perform MMQCI eSensor RVP Control Panel<sup>2</sup>

### B. QC Monitors:

Control	Control Monitor
Positive Control (POSC/EXC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ POSC: Reagent failure and primer-probe integrity</li> <li>▪ EXC: Lysis and/ or extraction failure; cross contamination</li> </ul>
Negative Control (NEGC)	Reagent and/or environmental contamination, cumulative effect
Internal Control (IC)	PCR inhibition in specimen, reagent failure or process error

- C. Before reporting patient results, all controls must yield valid results. Refer to MB 11.05, Refer to [Procedure I](#), Evaluating and Interpreting Results.

**PROCEDURE A:** Follow the steps in the table below to organize and label samples  
**Numbering and Labeling**

Activity	Step	Action	Related Doc								
Sample Organization Room 2	1	Call worksheet <b>RVP</b> ; use this worksheet for sample identification throughout testing.	<a href="#">MB 3.01</a> Engineering Controls								
	2	Process up to 22 patient samples plus one POSC and NEGC per run. Position samples and controls as follows: <table border="1" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Sample</th> <th>Position</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Patient samples</td> <td>1 – nn</td> </tr> <tr> <td>POSC</td> <td>2<sup>nd</sup> to last position</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NEGC</td> <td>Last tube</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Sample	Position	Patient samples	1 – nn	POSC	2 <sup>nd</sup> to last position	NEGC	Last tube
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Previously extracted	4	If sample(s), POSC and NEGC have been previously extracted, skip to <a href="#">Procedure C</a>									
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6	Number caps of each set of patient sample tubes 1 – nn as needed; write POSC and NEGC on caps of last two 1.5 ml micro-centrifuge tubes										
Labeling	7	Label tube set, matching the number on the label to the number on the cap <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Place patient bar-coded label on 2 ml cryo-vial</li> <li>▪ Placed dated small label on the 1.5 ml micro-centrifuge tube</li> <li>▪ Label POSC and NEGC tubes with pre-printed labels</li> </ul>	<a href="#">MB 1.01</a> Specimen Management								
Transfer	8	Transfer patient samples into 2 ml cryo-vials with corresponding numbers.									
	9	Change gloves									

**PROCEDURE B:** Follow the steps in the table below for isolating nucleic acid  
**Extraction of Nucleic Acid, Room 2**

Activity	Step	Action	Related Doc
Clean Room 2	1	Clean hood and equipment prior to processing, room 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sani-Cloth Bleach Wipes (10%) followed by water and 70% alcohol</li> </ul>	RVP Workflow Guide
Reagents	2	Thaw IC at RT; vortex briefly and tap tube to settle contents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ one tube contains enough for 24 samples</li> </ul>	
	3	Bring MagSil to room temp	

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Set-up easyMAG Room 2	4	Set up the easyMAG instrument.	<a href="#">MB 4.03</a> NucliSENS® EasyMag Procedure																		
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6	Snap aspirator pipette strip(s) into easyMAG																				
7	Place easyMAG extraction strip(s) in carrier rack. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consecutively number each well on the strip to correspond to patient samples, POSC and NEGC.</li> </ul>																				
Prepare Samples	8	Add 200 µl of each sample, POSC & NEGC to related well avoiding air bubbles at the bottom of the well																			
	9	Change gloves after every 8 samples and when finished																			
Scan strip Barcodes	10	Snap extraction strip(s) into easyMAG																			
	11	Barcode strip location (A, B or C) and then barcode the extraction strip.																			
	12	Touch the Silica icon, barcode the silica lot number and assign the lot number to the sample locations																			
Start lysis	13	Start lysis protocol (approx. 12 min)																			
	14	Change gloves																			
Add IC & silica	15	Vortex silica just prior to use and in-between strips																			
	16	After lysis, remove strips and pipette: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 µl of internal control to each sample, changing tips between wells</li> <li>50 µl of silica to each sample, changing tips between wells</li> </ul>																			
Mix	17	Mix each strip after addition of silica with BioHit pipettor (P3) before advancing to next strip <b>Caution:</b> avoid drips or aerosols that may cause cross-contamination																			
Start easyMAG  Tip: Set-up thermocycler during extraction	18	Snap extraction strips back into easyMAG																			
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	20	Start extraction (approx. 34 – 40 minutes).																			
Freeze IC	21	Mark the cap of the IC to represent one F/T cycle; return to freezer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum F/T cycles: 5 (split in two if necessary)</li> </ul>																			
Clean Room 2	22	Clean hood and equipment during extraction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sani-Cloth Bleach Wipes (10%) followed by water and 70% alcohol</li> </ul>																			
	23	Remove lab coat and change gloves; move to room 1																			

**PROCEDURE C:** Follow the steps in the table below for preparing the MM and setting up the RT-PCR reaction  
**MasterMix Preparation and RT-PCR Reaction Set-up, room 1**

Activity	Step	Action	Related Doc
Room 1 Thaw reagents	1	Remove RVP enzyme and PCR mix from freezer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Place enzyme in cold block; refrigerate until use</li> <li>▪ Thaw PCR mix at RT up to 1 h</li> </ul>	
	2	Clean hood and equipment prior to mm preparation, room 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 5% Extran followed by 70% alcohol</li> </ul>	
Prepare MM  <i>Tip:</i> Make MM while eluates sit for 10 min in magnetic rack	3	Vortex PCR mix 2 – 5 s, making sure it is completely thawed	<a href="#">MB 11.04</a> Control and Reagent Preparation
	4	Centrifuge the enzyme and PCR mix; place both reagents in cold block	
	5	Prepare MM according to number of reactions needed; Refer to set-up table	
	6	Vortex MM and centrifuge <b>Caution:</b> Do not mix reagents by pipetting up and down	
	7	Mark the cap of the enzyme and PCR mix to represent one F/T cycle; return to freezer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Maximum F/T cycles: 5</li> </ul>	
	8	Remove required number of PCR strip tubes for bag; reseal	
	9	Color code: Number PCR strip tubes 1 - nn; place in cold block	
	10	Pipette 30 µl of MM into each tube; close caps	
	11	<b>Note:</b> Change gloves between strips of 8	
Clean Hood	12	Clean hood and pipettes with 5% Extran followed by alcohol	
	13	Remove lab coat and return to room 2 with prepared MM	
<b>Note: Keep MM cold. Use MM within 30 min of preparation</b>			
Extraction completion	14	When the easyMAG displays <b>Finished</b> , remove the extraction strip(s); place in the carrier rack	<a href="#">MB 4.03</a> NucliSENS® EasyMag
Room 2	15	Set pipette at 70 µl	
Eluates	16	Transfer eluates to corresponding 1.5 micro-centrifuge tubes within 30 min; do not disturb silica button <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Caution:</b> Silica inhibits amplification</li> </ul>	
	17	Allow eluates to sit in magnetic rack for 10 min before setting up PCR reaction	

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**PROCEDURE D:** Follow the steps in the table below for PCR amplification

**PCR Amplification**

Activity	Step	Action	Related Doc																																							
<b>Thermocycler Set-up</b> Room 3  <i>Tip:</i> Set-up before or during Extraction	1	Set up thermocycler; take run specific patient labels into room 3																																								
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Room 3	3	Slowly open lid; pull up handle to release and lift	Refer to Procedure E
	4	<b>Caution:</b> Tube caps may pop open when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The cover is opened quickly</li> <li>▪ The block temperature is above 27° C</li> </ul>	
Remove tubes	5	Remove PCR strips	
	6	Centrifuge strips for 10 s	
	7	Place PCR tubes in cold block for the exonuclease digestion	
	8	Change gloves	
	9	Alternative: Amplified tubes can be refrigerated at 2 - 8° C for one week or frozen at -70° C for 1 month	

**PROCEDURE E:** Follow the activities below for preparing hybridization buffer

**Hybridization Solution Preparation**

Activity	Step	Action	Related Doc	
Clean and thaw reagents Room 3	1	Clean hood and equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sani-Cloth Bleach Wipes (10%) followed by water and 70% alcohol</li> </ul>		
	2	Thaw Signal buffer, Buffer 1 and Buffer 2		
	3	Vortex and centrifuge or tap lightly		
Prepare "Hyb" solution	4	Prepare hybridization buffer according to number of reactions needed; Refer to Hybridization buffer set-up table; stable up to 4 hours at RT		
	5	Label 2 ml tube "Hyb" (may need to prepare 2 tubes for sufficient volume)		
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		a		Add reagents to Hyb tube in order <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Signal buffer</li> <li>2. Buffer 1</li> <li>3. Buffer2 (white precipitate will appear after addition)</li> </ol>
		b		Vortex at setting 10 for 3 – 5 s to clear precipitate
c		Centrifuge 3 – 5 s		
d	<b>Note:</b> Warm with hands if precipitate does not disappear; vortex			
Freeze reagents	6	Mark the cap of the buffer tubes to represent one F/T cycle		
	7	Change gloves; return detection reagents to freezer		

**PROCEDURE F:** Follow the steps in the table below for exonuclease digestion in room 3  
**Exonuclease Digestion**

Activity	Step	Action	Related doc																						
Room 3	1	Remove the exonuclease from freezer; centrifuge and put in cold block <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not vortex</li> </ul>																							
	2	Saturate orange BioHazardous wipe with 10% bleach; place in hood																							
Adding Exonuclease Room 3	3	Slowly pipette 5µl of exonuclease, opening one tube at a time and touching bleach pad in-between tubes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Caution:</b> Change gloves immediately if contamination is suspected</li> </ul> <table border="1" data-bbox="532 661 1323 1113"> <thead> <tr> <th>Step</th> <th>Action</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>a</td> <td>Touch fingers to bleach pad between PCR tubes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>b</td> <td>Open tube slowly ; avoid touching the inside of cap</td> </tr> <tr> <td>c</td> <td>Pipette exonuclease slowly and evenly into tube, mid-way down</td> </tr> <tr> <td>d</td> <td>Press cap firmly to close</td> </tr> <tr> <td>e</td> <td>Eject tip</td> </tr> <tr> <td>f</td> <td>Open next tube to prepare for loading               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Note:</b> Tube serves as a location marker</li> </ul> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>g</td> <td>Repeat steps a – f until exonuclease is added to all tubes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>h</td> <td>Change gloves between strips of 8 and when leaving the hood</td> </tr> <tr> <td>i</td> <td>Vortex strips and centrifuge PCR tubes, 5 s each</td> </tr> <tr> <td>j</td> <td>Return PCR strip(s) to thermocycler</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Step	Action	a	Touch fingers to bleach pad between PCR tubes	b	Open tube slowly ; avoid touching the inside of cap	c	Pipette exonuclease slowly and evenly into tube, mid-way down	d	Press cap firmly to close	e	Eject tip	f	Open next tube to prepare for loading <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Note:</b> Tube serves as a location marker</li> </ul>	g	Repeat steps a – f until exonuclease is added to all tubes	h	Change gloves between strips of 8 and when leaving the hood	i	Vortex strips and centrifuge PCR tubes, 5 s each	j	Return PCR strip(s) to thermocycler	eSensor User Manual (installed on the XT-8, HELP button)
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		i	Vortex strips and centrifuge PCR tubes, 5 s each																						
		j	Return PCR strip(s) to thermocycler																						
Exonuclease program	4	Select exo-digest program, confirm 40 µl and start <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refer to <a href="#">Procedure D</a>, step 2</li> </ul>	Refer to Procedures G, H																						
	5	Run time approx. 25 min																							
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End of Run	8	End of run: remove PCR tubes from thermocycler; Refer to <a href="#">Procedure D</a> , steps 3 - 5																							
	9	Centrifuge tubes 10 s; place in 0.2 ml rack																							
	10	Change gloves																							



**PROCEDURE G:** Follow the activities below for setting up detection cartridges, room 3  
**Setting up Detection Cartridges, room 3**

Activity	Step	Action	Related Doc																				
Label cartridges  Room 3	1	Label cartridges with small patient label numbered 1 - nn; place in cartridge tray																					
	2	If “Hyb” solution was prepared in advance, vortex and spin prior to use																					
	3	Saturate orange BioHazardous wipe with 10% bleach; place in hood																					
Add “Hyb” solution to PCR tube, 100 µl	4	Slowly add 100 µl of “Hyb” solution to each PCR tube <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Caution:</b> Change gloves immediately if contamination is suspected</li> </ul> <table border="1" data-bbox="521 653 1312 1024"> <thead> <tr> <th>Step</th> <th>Action</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>a</td> <td>Touch fingers to bleach pad</td> </tr> <tr> <td>b</td> <td>Open tube slowly ; avoid touching the inside of cap</td> </tr> <tr> <td>c</td> <td>Pipette “Hyb” soln slowly and evenly into PCR tube, avoiding aerosols</td> </tr> <tr> <td>d</td> <td>Close cap</td> </tr> <tr> <td>e</td> <td>Eject tip</td> </tr> <tr> <td>f</td> <td>Open next tube to prepare for loading               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Note:</b> Tube serves as a location marker</li> </ul> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>g</td> <td>Repeat steps a – e for additional tubes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>h</td> <td><b>Note:</b> Change gloves between strips of 8</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Step	Action	a	Touch fingers to bleach pad	b	Open tube slowly ; avoid touching the inside of cap	c	Pipette “Hyb” soln slowly and evenly into PCR tube, avoiding aerosols	d	Close cap	e	Eject tip	f	Open next tube to prepare for loading <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Note:</b> Tube serves as a location marker</li> </ul>	g	Repeat steps a – e for additional tubes	h	<b>Note:</b> Change gloves between strips of 8	<a href="#">RVP Technical Support</a> and Troubleshooting		
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**PROCEDURE H:** Follow the activities below for testing on the eSensor Xt-8 instrument  
**eSensor XT-8 instrument**

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	4	Firmly slide the module lever to the left <i>Caution:</i> If you feel resistance, do not continue to push or pull lever; check that the cartridge is seated correctly																																	
	5	Led lights will change from orange → yellow (ready)																																	
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**PROCEDURE I:** Follow the activities below for run completion and interpretation of results  
**Run Completion and Results**

Activity	Step	Action	Related Doc
<b>Run Completion</b>	1	Flashing blue LED: remove cartridge and place in ziplock bag; discard in red trash	
	2	Touch Reporting Tab	

Activity	Step	Action	Related Doc							
Reports/results  Room 3	3	Select search criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Default criteria will display all reports generated on the current date</li> <li>Touch individual samples to be viewed/printed or Select All button</li> </ul>	<a href="#">MB 11.06</a> Troubleshooting							
	4	Select Report type: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currents RUO</li> <li>RUORV</li> </ul>	<a href="#">RVP Retest</a> Recommendations							
	5	<b>**Review RVP Detection Report (RUORV) Summary for positive targets, errors and troubleshooting</b>	<a href="#">RVP Technical Support</a> and Troubleshooting							
	6	Review nA values on Currents RUO report ; print <b>Note:</b> Dashes in the threshold column ( --- ) indicate an error	<a href="#">RVP Common Issues</a> and Solutions							
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**Table 1:** Interpretation of Results; for additional information refer to [RVP Retest Recommendations by Report Type](#)

Report	Result message	Possible Explanations	Action
RUORV	Positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Test successful</li> <li>Positive for indicated analyte</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Report results <math>\geq 10</math> nA</b></li> <li><b>Review results 3 – 10 nA</b> before reporting for questionable results that may require repeat testing</li> </ul>
RUORV	Target not detected	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Test successfully completed</li> <li>Internal control was detected</li> <li>Result was negative</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report results</li> </ul>
RUORV	Error for any target	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electrode or instrument failure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact GenMark technical support for daily password to retest cartridge, <b>1-800-373-6767, option 2</b></li> <li>Repeat RT-PCR and XT-8 analysis once; use extracted sample</li> </ul>
RUORV	Fail (internal control failure)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Failed internal control of primary sample</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If one or more targets are positive in the sample, retest is not necessary</li> </ul>
RUORV	Fail (internal control failure)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Failed internal control of primary sample</li> <li>Specimen inhibition</li> <li>Poor amplification</li> <li>Poor extraction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If no viral targets are positive, repeat extraction from primary sample after F/T cycle</li> </ul>
RUORV	<b>Flu A only, but no subtype, possible variant</b> <b>**Send to MDH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Possible test successful but no subtype</li> <li>Subtype is not H1, H3 or 2009 H1N1</li> <li>Poor amplification</li> <li>Poor extraction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Re-extract sample and repeat testing</li> <li>Still no subtype, send to MDH. Sample may contain a novel or newly emerging Flu A virus</li> </ul>
RUORV	Positive for Influenza A 2009 H1N1, target not detected for Influenza A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Influenza A below the level of detection</li> <li>Possible contamination</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Re-extract sample and repeat testing</li> <li>Report results if retest remains positive for 2009 H1N1</li> </ul>

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RUORV	Positive for Influenza A and multiple subtypes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Possible co-infection</li> <li>▪ Possible contamination</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Re-extract primary sample and repeat testing</li> </ul>
Currents	“Fail” for 2 or more internal controls in run	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Poor amplification</li> <li>▪ Poor recovery from extracted sample</li> <li>▪ System error</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Re-extract run and repeat testing</li> </ul>
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**PROCEDURE J:** Follow the activities below for instrument shutdown  
**eSensor® XT-8 Shutdown**

Activity	Step	Action	Related Doc
Log out	1	Touch the <b>Log Out</b> button on the lower left side	
Shutdown	2	Touch the <b>Shutdown</b> button on the Login screen	
	3	The instrument will automatically shut off	
	4	Once turned off, place the dust cover on the instrument for protection	

**METHOD PERFORMANCE**

1. Clinical Performance: Children’s validation/verification study (6)
  - NW/NASP – 100% sensitivity with comparator methods
  - Bronchoscopy specimens – 100% sensitivity with comparator methods
2. Analytical Sensitivity: 10<sup>-2</sup> – 10<sup>3</sup> TCID<sub>50</sub>/mL

**PROFICIENCY TESTING**

- CAP IDR – Infectious Disease Respiratory Panel

**ALTERNATE METHOD**

1. Send specimens to Fairview University Infectious Disease Diagnostic Laboratory – Virology (UMMC-East Bank)
2. Fairview University code: RVPCR
3. CHC Sunquest Order code: MBAT
4. Logistics:
  - 2 NP swabs: VTM
  - Nasopharyngeal aspirate: VTM
  - Nasopharyngeal washing: 0.5 – 2 mL shipped refrigerated in sterile container or VTM
  - Bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL): 0.5 – 2 mL shipped refrigerated in sterile container or VTM

**LIMITATIONS**

1. Adenovirus C has been observed to cross-react with Adenovirus D (serotype 9) and F (serotype 41). If definitive speciation is necessary, an alternative method should be performed (sequence analysis).
2. Enterovirus D68 (2) and Poliovirus have been observed to cross-react with human rhinovirus. Both are members of the family of Picornaviridae that also includes human rhinovirus. If enteroviral or polio infection are suspected, alternate testing should be performed (cell culture).
3. This is a qualitative test and does not provide quantitative information regarding virus detected.

4. Results from this test must be correlated with clinical history when evaluating the patient.
5. False negative results may occur due to loss of nucleic acid. Viral detection is dependent upon adequate specimen collection, transport, and handling.
6. Analyte targets may persist *in vivo*, independent of virus viability.
7. Live intranasal influenza virus vaccine may cause false positive results for Influenza A, H1, H3, 2009 H1N1, and Influenza B.
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11. This assay detects both viable and nonviable virus. Test performance depends on viral load in the specimen and may not correlate with cell culture performed on the same specimen.

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