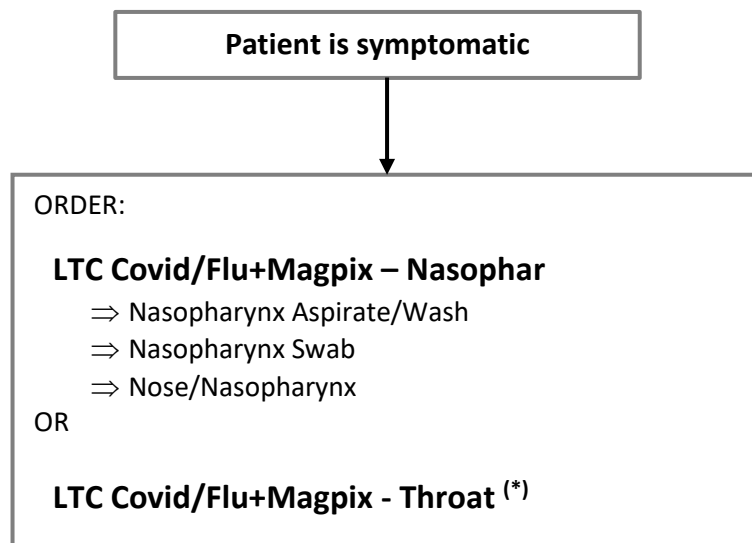


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Respiratory Pathogen Testing - Influenza A & B/RSV/Covid-19/Magpix



**Note: Throat swabs are a suboptimal specimen type EXCEPT when Mycoplasma pneumoniae infection is suspected. Only submit a throat swab if M. pneumoniae testing is needed or if the patient cannot tolerate a nasopharyngeal swab. Throat swabs must be collected with the “blue-top” Copan Universal Transport Medium kit.*

If testing for Legionella is required, submit a lower respiratory specimen (sputum, endotracheal aspirate or bronchial wash) with a “Magpix” order. Legionella is not performed on nasopharyngeal samples or throat swabs.

October to April (during Flu season): Influenza A & B/RSV and COVID-19 PCR testing will be done at an IH site for all specimens. “Magpix” testing will be performed at Kelowna General Hospital if specimen is PCR negative for COVID-19, Influenza A/B & RSV.

May to October (outside of Flu Season): Specimens will be tested for Covid-19. Influenza and RSV testing is not routinely available. “Magpix” testing will be performed at Kelowna General Hospital if specimen is PCR negative for COVID-19.