LAB ORDERS FOR COVID UPDATE

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IDPH does NOT require an electronic authorization any longer. They are still expecting you to use the criteria below for an IDPH order to be placed.

NOTE: A Respiratory Virus Panel is <u>no longer required</u> and should now only be done if the Provider feels it's clinically necessary and should not be utilized as a determining factor for COVID testing.

1. **<u>IDPH Criteria for testing:</u>**
   - First Responder with COVID Symptoms
   - Healthcare Worker with COVID Symptoms
   - Hospitalized Pt with Unexplained Pneumonia
   - Staff or Residents of a Residential Congregate Living Facility with Clusters of Possible or Confirmed COVID

2. **<u>If they do not meet the criteria above, please place a *Reference Lab Order* for COVID</u>**

3. **<u>IF this is an ADD ON to an already collected swab (in the last 5 days)</u>**
   - If NP swab has already been collected for a Respiratory Virus Panel
   - Place order for appropriate lab order (IDPH or Reference Lab)
     - Call lab to verify they still have specimen and request to have an ADD-ON order placed

What you will see in EPIC for COVID lab orders:

2019-nCoV, Nasopharyngeal (IDPH)

2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), NAA
Update: Please use for screening patients. This is NOT the IDPH test; expected turnaround time is 3-4 days