

Winter 2021 Virology Service for Respiratory Virus Diagnosis

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The circulation of respiratory virus in the community remains uncertain for the winter of 2021. In the light of monitoring for the presence of COVID-19 we would like to encourage testing for COVID-19 in the first instance should a patient present to your practice with either URTI or LRTI.

The testing strategy for influenza viruses remains unchanged and the guideline is available on Health Pathways <https://canterbury.communityhealthpathways.org/16699.htm>.

For enquiries regarding a specific patient or to discuss an appropriate testing approach please contact the microbiologist on call directly through the hospital operator.

Kind regards



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