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### **Changes to Respiratory Pathogen (RVP) Testing**

With ongoing high levels of COVID-19 testing requests, SA Pathology has adapted the respiratory pathogen (RVP) panel to improve efficiencies and turnaround times.

Effective immediately, SA Pathology will not routinely test and report on parainfluenza viruses types 1, 2 and 3, and pertussis.

Testing of these pathogens will be performed upon specific request by a clinician.

These changes will assist SA Pathology to report greater numbers of SARS-CoV-2 tests without impacting turnaround times.

### **Laboratory Testing**

SA Pathology performs COVID-19 testing in the Royal Adelaide Hospital laboratory.

Patients will incur no out-of-pocket expenses for COVID-19 tests performed by SA Pathology.

Regards,

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