

# News

## Clinical Laboratory Test Update

### UH AFB Culture (LAB3452) Sent to Reference Laboratory

Effective 10/25/2021, the University of Colorado Hospital Microbiology Laboratory will send specimens for AFB Cultures to a reference laboratory while the on-site laboratory is being renovated to implement improvements. This will cause delays in the availability of AFB smear results. The MTB-rifampin rapid PCR assay for sputum samples will remain on site and is not expected to be delayed. This workflow modification impacts UH AFB Culture (LAB3452) as well as the culture portion of AFB Culture + PCR (LAB8656).

Specimens will continue to be referred to the outside laboratory for the duration of construction which may last through Spring 2022.

The ordering process in Epic is unchanged.

Please call the University of Colorado Hospital Clinical Laboratory Microbiology Department at 720-848-7084 with any questions.

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