



**DATE:** July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
**TO:** UCM Medical Staff, House staff, Nursing Staff, Patient Care Centers, and Outpatient Clinics  
**FROM:** Kathleen G. Beavis, MD, Medical Director Clinical Microbiology and Immunology  
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**RE:** Routine COVID Testing and Resulting

Based on decreased test volume, **ROUTINE** priority COVID tests will be processed, analyzed and reported by the Microbiology Laboratory per the following schedule:

**Monday - Friday:**

1<sup>st</sup> Shift:

COVID specimens must be received in the Micro lab by 10am for results by 5pm.

2<sup>nd</sup> Shift:

COVID specimens must be received in the Micro lab by 6pm for results by 1am.

**Saturday and Sunday:**

COVID specimens must be received into the Micro lab by 11am for results by 6pm

**NOTE:**

1. The TAT for routine testing is 48 hours from the time of receipt in Microbiology and allows for unscheduled downtime events. Test results required for scheduled procedures, such as surgeries, should continue to schedule specimen collection within the 48 -72 hours prior to the scheduled procedure.
2. For those *employees who are symptomatic or post exposure and scheduled to work within the next 24-36 hours*, call Telehealth at 773-702-6819 and request STAT testing for quicker turnaround time.

Capacity for **STAT** testing is limited and will continue to follow defined processes in Agile MD Pathways.

**For questions regarding routine COVID testing please contact:**

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