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**To:** HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital Medical Staff

**From:** Dr. Robert Ridenour, Jr. MD – Medical Director *RRM*  
Dawn Larson – Director of Laboratory Services

**Date:** 10/30/2017

**Re:** Change in Influenza Testing

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HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital Laboratory will begin utilizing an updated Influenza assay that will no longer include Influenza A H1N1. The assay will only test for Influenza A and Influenza B. This change in testing also includes a reduction in turn-around-time from 2 hours to 1 hour as testing length has decreased with the updated assay. No change is occurring with specimen collection or transport.

Testing by means of the updated Influenza assay will begin when tests utilizing the previous assay have been depleted.

Please do not hesitate to contact the laboratory at 717- 4471 if you have any questions regarding this laboratory change.

Dr. Robert Ridenour, Jr.