

# Rhodes Hall Lab Renovation

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. SCOPE OF PROJECT

The renovation focuses on expanding the third-floor laboratory space in Rhodes Hall to enhance workflow efficiency, integrate new analyzers and advanced automation systems.

### 4. SAMPLE HANDLING DURING DOWNTIME

Chemistry and Immunochemistry samples will follow the current handling process, with the only change being they will be processed manually instead of automation.

### 7. INVENTORY CHANGES

Supply chain and distribution teams are informed and stock levels for collection tubes will be increased by 50% to ensure availability.

### 10. ADD-ON TESTING

Add-on testing will be significantly impacted, as they will not be prioritized. If results are needed immediately, consider recollecting samples.

### 2. WHY?

To make technology upgrades and overcome space limitations due to increased testing volume and staffing needs.

### 5. PATIENT CARE

Minor delays in turnaround time are expected; every effort will be made to minimize impact by testing promptly and efficiently. Workflow adjustments and staffing changes will be implemented to maintain smooth operations.

### 8. TURN AROUND TIME IMPACT

Expect some delays in result reporting during this period. Add-on testing will be the most effected, as samples will require manual retrieval and processing.

### 3. INTERRUPTIONS TO LAB SERVICES?

All departments within the main lab will remain operational.

**Important:** Chemistry and Immunochemistry departments will experience temporary workflow changes.

### 6. CHANGES TO SPECIMEN COLLECTION

**EFFECTIVE DEC 16<sup>th</sup>:** Chemistry and Immunochemistry tests that are ordered together will require their own, separate mint green and gold sst tubes. This process will revert to current practice once automation is restored.

### 9. STAT SAMPLE PROCESSING

All STAT samples will be processed as they are received in the laboratory but due to manual processing there will be minor delays in turnaround times.

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