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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 and support the integration of new analyzers and advanced automation systems.

4. SAMPLE BE HANDLED DURING DOWNTIME

Chemistry and Immunochemistry samples will follow the current handling process, with the only change being that samples will be processed manually rather than through automation.

7. INVENTORY BE AFFECTED?

Supply chain and distribution teams have been notified, and collection tube inventory will be increased by **50%** to ensure adequate availability.

8. ADD-ON TESTING

Add-on testing will be significantly impacted and will not be prioritized. If results are needed urgently, recollection of the specimen should be considered.

2. WHY IS THIS RENOVATION NEEDED?

The renovation will enable technology upgrades and address space limitations caused by increased testing volume and staffing needs.

5. WILL PATIENT CARE BE IMPACTED?

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

9. TURN AROUND TIME BE AFFECTED?

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

10. STAT SAMPLE PROCESSING

All STAT samples will be processed as they are received in the laboratory. However, due to manual processing, minor delays in turnaround times may occur.

3. WILL THERE BE ANY INTERRUPTIONS TO LAB SERVICES?

All departments within the main lab will remain operational.

Please note: Chemistry and Immunochemistry departments will experience temporary workflow changes during this period.

6. CHANGES TO SPECIMEN COLLECTION

EFFECTIVE DEC 16th: Chemistry and Immunochemistry tests ordered together will require **separate collection** tubes (mint green and gold sst tubes). This process will revert to current practice once automation is restored.

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