

MEMO-1: FAQ FOR THE RHODES HALL LAB RENOVATION

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 16th: 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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