

East: Rapid Response Laboratory – Temporary Service Update

August 3rd – 4th, 2026

PROJECT OVERVIEW

- The East Rapid Response Laboratory is completing the current phase of its construction and laboratory relocation project. Several instruments will be returned to the renovated laboratory area during this period.
- Temporary changes to rapid influenza, immunochemistry, and hematology testing are outlined below.
- Hourly courier service to the University Hospital (UH) Critical Care Laboratory (CCL) will continue through August 4th.

RAPID TESTING

- **Rapid influenza testing**
 - **Beginning at 7:00 a.m. on August 3rd**, rapid Influenza specimens will be couriered to UH CCL.
 - Onsite rapid influenza testing is expected to resume after the biological safety cabinet has been recertified on **Tuesday, August 4**, tentatively around **3:00 p.m.**
 - The resumption time may change depending on completion of the certification process.
- **Rapid COVID-19 testing**
 - Rapid COVID testing will remain available onsite at East throughout this period.

IMMUNOCHEMISTRY TESTING

- Immunochemistry testing is planned to resume onsite on **Monday, August 3**.
- A definitive start time is not yet available.

HEMATOLOGY TESTING

- The East hematology instrument will be taken out of service at approximately 8:30 a.m. on **Tuesday, August 4**.
- During the downtime, all specimens will be couriered to the UH CCL for testing.
- Hourly courier service will remain available during the downtime.
- Onsite hematology testing is expected to resume by approximately 6:00 p.m., but the final time will depend on successful completion of instrument reverification and laboratory approval.

PLEASE ANTICIPATE LONGER TURNAROUND TIMES FOR INFLUENZA, CBC, AND RETICULOCYTE TESTING WHILE SPECIMENS ARE BEING TRANSPORTED TO MAIN CAMPUS.

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