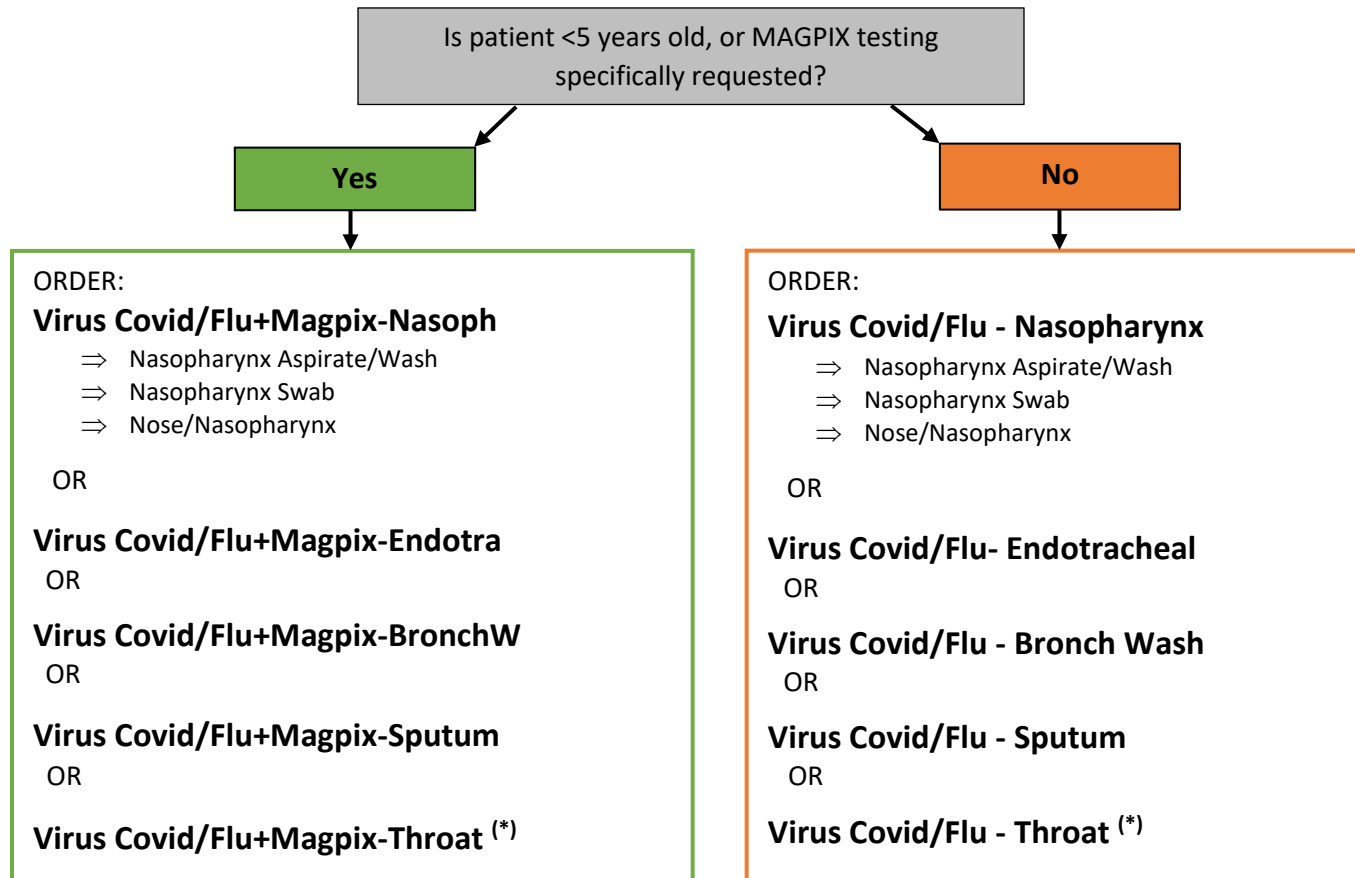


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Respiratory Pathogen Testing - Influenza A & B/RSV/Covid-19/Magpix



**Note: Throat swabs are the least preferred as they are a suboptimal specimen type, and should only be used if the patient cannot tolerate a nasopharyngeal swab. Throat swabs must be collected with the "blue-top" Copan Universal Transport Medium kit.*

October to April (during Flu season): Influenza A & B/RSV and COVID-19 PCR testing will be done at an IH site for all specimens. "Magpix" testing will be performed on request for inpatients, and automatically on patients <5 years old.

May to October (outside of Flu Season): Specimens will be tested for Covid-19. Influenza and RSV testing is not routinely available. "Magpix" testing will be performed on request for inpatients, and automatically on patients <5 years old.

Please note: Patients assessed in the emergency department and discharged home will not be eligible for Magpix testing.

If testing for Legionella is required, submit a lower respiratory specimen (sputum, endotracheal aspirate or bronchial wash) with a "Magpix" order. Legionella is not performed on nasopharyngeal samples or throat swabs.