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Dear Laboratory Director:

Effective December 20, 2023, permitted clinical laboratories and limited-service laboratories must report results for RSV and VZV testing to the Department using the NYSDOH Electronic Clinical Laboratory Reporting System (ECLRS), due to recent amendments to Section 2.1 of Title 10 of the New York Codes, Rules, and Regulations.

RSV

Report **positive** results for RSV (subtypes A, B, or unspecified) by any of the following:

- Identification of RSV by culture
- Identification of RSV by nucleic acid testing
- RSV antigen detection
- RSV antigen detection by IHC

VZV

Report **positive** results of laboratory testing for VZV by any of the following tests:

- Isolation of VZV from a clinical specimen
- Identification of VZV by nucleic acid testing
- VZV antigen detection
- Detection of VZV immunoglobulin M (IgM)

Contact the ECLRS Help Desk (eclrs@health.ny.gov or 1-866-325-7743) if help is needed determine the appropriate Logical Observation Identifiers Names and Codes (LOINC) and Systemized Nomenclature of Medicine (SNOMED) coding.

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