Respiratory Testing at OLS

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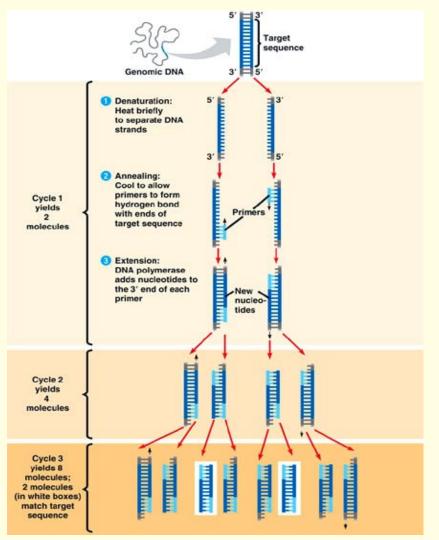
- describe the different respiratory disease test methods available at OLS;
- identify which infectious agents can be detected; and
- explain how to properly package and ship a specimen to OLS.



PCR



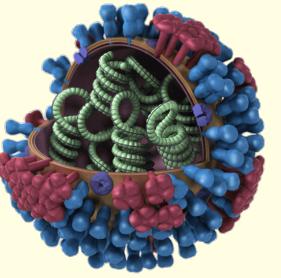
- PCR (polymerase chain reaction) is the primary method used at OLS
 - A process which amplifies single or few copies of nucleic acid (DNA, RNA) to generate millions of copies to increase detection.



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PCR (continued)

- OLS utilizes the CDC RT-PCR assay for Influenza
 - RT = reverse transcriptase;
 enzyme used to generate
 complementary DNA (cDNA) from
 an RNA template
- Specimens tested using A/B screen first, then reflexed to subtyping for A if positive
- Subtyping panel can detect some variants like H3N2v





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M2 Ion Channel



RNP



- CDC RT-PCR assay contains 6 targets
- Each target corresponds to subtypes
- Designed to detect new and emerging strains
- OLS must send specimen to CDC for confirmation if variant is detected!

TARGET	WHAT DOES IT MEAN?	
infA	"seasonal" Influenza A	
infB	"seasonal" Influenza B	
pdmA	"swine-origin" Influenza A	
pdmH1	"swine-origin" Influenza H1	
infH1	"seasonal" Influenza AH1	
infH3	"seasonal" Influenza AH3	

EXAMPLE: infA+, pdmA+, infH3+ = Influenza AH3N2v

Other PCR



- BioFire Torch
- Multiplex PCR = can detect multiple targets in one assay
- RP2.1 panel can detect 18 viruses and 4 bacteria
- Results available in about one hour
- Used by OLS for a subset of specimens that are negative for Influenza and in outbreaks



Other PCR (continued)



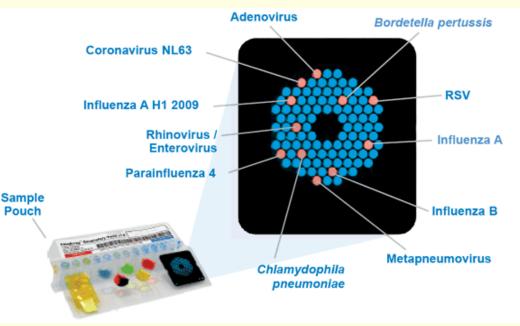
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VIRAL TARGETS

- Adenovirus
- SARS-CoV-2
- Coronavirus HKU1
- Coronavirus NL63
- Coronavirus 229E
- Coronavirus OC43
- Human Metapneumovirus
- Human Rhinovirus/Enterovirus
- Influenza A
- Influenza A/H1
- Influenza A/H3
- Influenza A/H1-2009pdm
- Influenza B
- Parainfluenza Virus 1
- Parainfluenza Virus 2
- Parainfluenza Virus 3
- Parainfluenza Virus 4
- Respiratory Syncytial Virus

BACTERIAL TARGETS

- Bordetella pertussis
- Chlamydophila pneumoniae
- Mycoplasma pneumoniae
- Bordetella parapertussis





- Proper collection of specimens for respiratory testing is crucial!
- Use only supplies provided by OLS or those recommended for use
- <u>Do not</u> collect specimen is patient is on antiviral therapy
 - If specimen must be collected after therapy has begun, do so within 24 hours
- Specimens can only be transported in approved viral transport media (VTM, UTM)
- <u>Do not</u> collect specimens in saline, buffer, or any other media
- Do no use cotton swabs, calcium alginate swabs, or swabs with wooden shafts

Collection (continued)



MEDIA

- VTM, UTM
- NO saline

SWABS

- Only polyester, Dacron, rayon
- NO cotton





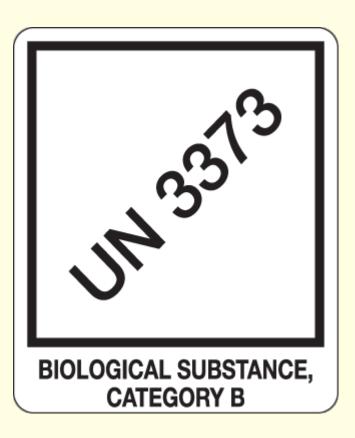


- After collection, immediately refrigerate
- Keep refrigerated until shipping
- If unable to reach OLS within 72 hours of collection, specimen must be FROZEN at -80° C +/- 10° C
 - Recommended to use manual defrost freezer
 - Freeze/thaw cycles will degrade RNA



Shipping

- All specimens must be shipped on cold packs
- Use current IATA, DOT shipping regulations
- Overnight shipping preferred
- Avoid USPS if at all possible



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- Can be downloaded and printed from OLS website: https://dhhr.wv.gov/ols
- Go to Forms page

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OLS Collection Kit Request Form



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Summary



- OLS provides Influenza and expanded respiratory virus screening year-round
- Proper collection of specimens for respiratory virus testing is critical to ensure quality results
- Package and ship your specimens according to current regulations
- Contact OLS with ANY questions! We are here to help.

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