COVID/Flu Testing Guidelines for **Symptomatic** Pediatric Outpatients
When Rapid COVID Antigen Test (Veritor) Available

**COVID Symptoms**

**With Flu-like Symptoms**

- *Rapid Flu Antigen Test*
  - Positive
    - **RCA Test**
      - Positive
        - **RCA Test**
          - Positive
            - **COVID PCR**
          - Negative
            - No COVID PCR
        - Negative
          - **COVID PCR**
  - Negative
    - **RCA Test**
      - Positive
        - **COVID PCR**
      - Negative
        - No COVID PCR

**Without Flu-like Symptoms**

- **RCA Test**
  - Positive
    - If mild sx thought unlikely to be COVID
  - Negative
    - If history/sx concerning for possible COVID
    - No COVID PCR

**Note:** No swab can be used for more than one test below.

*Rapid Flu Antigen Test: Nasal or NP swab, or nasal wash or nasal aspirate (depending on test used) not in transport media.

**RCA:** Rapid COVID Antigen Test (Veritor). Nasal swab not in transport media.
Swab both nostrils with same swab (roll 5 times along mucosa of each nostril). Must be run within 1 hour.

***COVID PCR Test: NP swab in transport media.**
COVID/Flu Testing Guidelines for **Symptomatic** Pediatric Outpatients When Rapid COVID Antigen Test (Veritor) **Not** Available

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*Rapid Flu Antigen Test: Nasal or NP swab, or nasal wash or nasal aspirate (depending on test used) **not** in transport media.

**COVID PCR Test: NP swab **in** transport media.