



## MICROBIOLOGY LABORATORY

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**FROM:** Deborah A. Johnson, Microbiology Laboratory Supervisor

**RE:** **SJH VIROLOGY LABORATORY HOURS OF OPERATION**

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The HRLMP Virology & Molecular Microbiology Laboratory at St. Joseph's Hospital is now open from 0800 to 2300 hours seven days per week in preparation for influenza season.

Extended hours allow respiratory virus specimens to be tested three times daily, with same-day or next-day turn around depending on time of receipt. All respiratory virus testing includes influenza A and B, parainfluenza types 1-3, RSV, metapneumovirus, adenovirus, and a combined test for rhinovirus/enterovirus.

If you have any questions about respiratory virus testing, please contact the Virology Laboratory at 905-522-1155 ext. 33709 or Dr. Marek Smieja at 905-522-1155 ext. 36021.