

Scores and analyses from the January 2008 Direct Antigen Detection Panels of the NYSDOH Virology Proficiency Testing Program can be found below. Validation criteria require a sample to be correctly identified by at least 80% of participating laboratories. All five samples in the rotavirus, respiratory syncytial virus and influenza virus panels were validated. All sample identities in each panel have been confirmed by reference laboratories. CLIA and CLEP establish a passing grade at 80% or greater. The following analyses include General permit laboratories that perform direct antigen detection and Direct Antigen Detection Only permit laboratories.

Rotavirus Scoring Analysis: 79 Laboratories in category

Sample #	1011	1012	1013	1014	1015
Sample Identification	Rotavirus	Rotavirus	Rotavirus	No virus	Rotavirus
Titer Log 10 per ml	4.0	3.0	4.0	0	4.0
Laboratories Scoring 100%	79	79	79	79	79

Total Score For Panel	100%	80%	60%	40%	20%	0%
Participating Laboratories	79	0	0	0	0	0

Respiratory Syncytial Virus Scoring Analysis: 147 Laboratories in category

Sample #	1016	1017	1018	1019	1020
Sample Identification	RSV	RSV	No virus	RSV	RSV
Titer Log 10 per ml	4.0	3.4	0	4.3	4.0
Laboratories Scoring 100%	144	145	145	145	145

Total Score For Panel	100%	80%	60%	40%	20%	0%
Participating Laboratories	144	1	0	0	0	*2

**Two participant(s) scored 0% due to Non-Participation*

Influenza Virus Scoring Analysis: 219 Laboratories in category

Sample #	1021	1022	1023	1024	1025
Sample Identification	No virus	Influenza virus, type B	Influenza virus, type B	Influenza virus, type A	Influenza virus, type A
Titer Log 10 per ml	0	6.3	6.3	4.5	3.7
Laboratories Scoring 100%	216	213	214	213	214

Total Score For Panel	100%	80%	60%	40%	20%	0%
Participating Laboratories	213	0	1	0	2	*3

**Three participant(s) scored 0% due to Non-Participation*

Enclosed is a summary of Test Kit Statistics.

Please share this information with relevant employees in your laboratory.

The staff of the Virology PT Program would like to thank you and your staff for working with us during this first year of electronic reporting. We are very grateful for your cooperation, suggestions and patience as we worked through numerous issues. We continue to welcome your input on potential improvements to any aspect of the program including the reporting process.

Please be aware of the following notes:

- Score sheets will NO LONGER be sent to each laboratory. These are available at <https://commerce.health.state.ny.us/doh3/applinks/epts/> and can be printed for your records.
- Please be sure to “Submit” test results. Keeping results as “Saved” is considered non-participation for the event and will automatically result in a failing grade in the electronic system.
- Generic worksheets will be provided for your optional use. Please do not return these worksheets to us.
- Please carefully select your Test Specificity for the Influenza Direct Antigen Detection event. Influenza Direct Antigen Detection

participants **MUST** enter responses in the *Test Specificity* and *Test Method (kit)* fields on the reporting page. You are responsible for selecting the correct test specificity for the test kit you are using. *In this category, scoring is linked between test specificity and answer choice. Therefore, it is imperative that this field is filled in correctly or scoring for your laboratory will be adversely affected.

Please Note: Participation in EPTRS is mandatory. Laboratories must submit test results electronically by logging in to: <https://commerce.health.state.ny.us/doh3/applinks/epters/> entering their results and clicking the “**Submit/Attest**” button on the EPTRS Summary Page.

Requests for submitting results via paper

If the Clinical Laboratory Evaluation Program (CLEP) is contacted prior to an event for permission to submit results via paper, this request may be approved under extenuating circumstances. However, the lack of active HPN accounts, the lack of submission roles, or the lack of Internet access will not excuse a laboratory from having to submit results electronically as multiple letters, monthly bulletins and emails have been sent to laboratory directors, laboratory contact persons, laboratory staff handling proficiency test samples and HPN account holders since June 19, 2006. Please note that if a laboratory does receive permission to submit results via paper from CLEP, then the paper results must be received by the due date as published:

<http://www.wadsworth.org/labcert/clep/PT/PTschedule.htm>

This due date is no longer a postmark date and is the same date as the deadline for electronic submissions! Without such approval from CLEP, mailed or faxed proficiency test results will no longer be acceptable and will result in a **failure for non-participation**.