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## [ARO Surveillance Program to Resume Thursday Jan. 27, 2022](#)

Due to limited human resources, the hospital ARO Surveillance program had been put on hold once again in order to redirect efforts toward increased COVID testing demands brought on by the Omicron variant. As a result of provincial restrictions in testing, automation interventions and a steady decline in positivity rates we are able to initiate ARO surveillance screening once again.

The ARO Surveillance program will commence for all areas of the hospital beginning **Thursday January 27<sup>th</sup>**, including Admission screening swabs. Please resume regular ordering practices in EPR.

The table below outlines the ESwab type and EPR orders required for the [ARO Surveillance Program](#)

Organism/Specimen Type	ESwab Type	EPR Order	Source Site
MRSA, VRE and CPE	Double	MRSA/VRE/CPE Surveillance	Nasal and perianal/rectal
MRSA and VRE	Double	MRSA/VRE Surveillance	Nasal and perianal/rectal
MRSA (nasal and perianal)	Double	MRSA screen	Nasal and perianal/rectal
MRSA (other site)	Single	MRSA screen	Various
VRE	Single	VRE screen	Rectal
CPE	Single	CPE screen	Rectal

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