



**MEMO**  
**NUNAVIK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

**To:** All clinicians, nurses of the care unit and laboratory personnel practising at Ungava Tulattavik Health Centre

**Date:** January 3, 2018

**Subject: Heightened monitoring of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)**

In order to document the burden of the respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) among Nunavik infants, heightened monitoring of the virus is continuing in Nunavik.

Below is a reminder of the relevant actions:

- **All infants under the age of one year hospitalized for a respiratory tract infection** should be tested for **RSV** with a nasal swab.
- The laboratories shall proceed, through the usual rapid tests, with screening for RSV and shall forward the results to the physician.
- If the physician requests a multiplex analysis for respiratory viruses from MUHC, two swabs will be necessary.
- The swabs shall be conserved by the laboratories and then sent in batches at the end of June to the Laboratoire de santé publique du Québec (LSPQ) for nucleic acid testing.
- **This monitoring effort must be maintained throughout the year** to ensure epidemiological monitoring of the infection among infants under the age of one year.

Thank you for your usual cooperation.



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