

## **Lab Work**

Many rapid tests are available in the Health Center, including strep, mono, influenza and pregnancy. Providers utilize these tests when appropriate.

The Health Center works with Quest Diagnostics for off-site lab testing. If a student is seen for an illness and a test is deemed necessary, a sample will be sent to Quest. Students will be notified of the results as soon as they become available. Common tests sent out include urine cultures, throat cultures, STI testing, and wound cultures.

If blood work is ordered, students will be sent to the lab at MetroWest Medical Center in Framingham. Free taxi vouchers are available from the Health Center to get the student to and from the lab. Students must have their insurance card when they go to the lab.

When any test is sent to the laboratory from the Health Center, Quest will bill the student's insurance company for the cost of the test. Students should bring their insurance card to every visit in case a lab is ordered – Quest will need this information for their billing. All in-house testing is free and does not involve insurance notification.

Because every insurance plan is different, we suggest contacting your insurance company for more information regarding costs, as well as whether any kind of statement will be sent to the Insurance Policy Holder regarding testing that was performed. This will be the same laboratory billing policy regardless of whether you use your PCP, an urgent care clinic or FSU Health Center.