

To: Submitters of clinical specimens to the TN Division of Laboratory Services

From: Dr. Kara Levinson, Laboratory Director

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Subject: Temporary Suspension of HIV, Hepatitis C, and Hepatitis B Serologic Testing

Due to recent contractual and procurement restrictions for testing reagents and supplies, the Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) Division of Laboratory Services (DLS), will be temporarily discontinuing HIV, Hepatitis C (HCV), and Hepatitis B (HBV) serologic testing. This will take effect February 26, 2025 and apply to both the Nashville Central Laboratory and Knoxville Regional Laboratory. We anticipate HIV and HCV serologic testing will be reinstated late March/early April. HBV testing will remain offline until a contract is in place, which is anticipated by July 2025.

TDH-DLS will continue to perform Hepatitis C Viral Load by Nucleic Acid Amplification (NAAT) testing upon request for pediatric patients only (17 years old or less) during this temporary discontinuation.

We apologize for any inconvenience this temporary discontinuation may cause. Our teams are making every effort to minimize the downtime of the serologic testing. Questions regarding this pause in services may be directed to the Deputy Director, Dr. Randal Fowler (Randal.Fowler@tn.gov).

Thank you for your continued partnership.



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