

**To:** Submitters of clinical specimens to the Tennessee Public Health Laboratory

**From:** Dr. Kara Levinson, Laboratory Director

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**Subject:** Discontinuation of SARS-CoV-2 IgG Antibody Testing

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Effective November 20, 2023, the Tennessee Department of Health Division of Laboratory Services is discontinuing SARS-CoV-2 IgG testing and no longer offering SARS-CoV-2 antibody testing. This change in services aligns with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) [guidance](#) that SARS-CoV-2 antibody tests should not be used to determine if someone is currently infected, or to assess for immunity or need for vaccination. Information regarding SARS-CoV-2 test selection can be found [here](#) and many commercial and reference laboratories offer SARS-CoV-2 antibody testing for those who seek serologic testing. The Division of Laboratory Services will continue to offer molecular testing and sequencing for SARS-CoV-2, please refer to our [Directory of Services](#) for more information.

Questions regarding this change in services may be directed to the Interim Clinical Division Director, Dr. Randal Fowler ([Randal.Fowler@tn.gov](mailto:Randal.Fowler@tn.gov)).

Thank you for your continued partnership.

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