

To: Submitters of clinical specimens to the Knoxville Regional Laboratory

From: Dr. Levinson, Interim Laboratory Director

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Subject: Discontinuation of SARS-CoV-2 Testing at Knoxville Regional Laboratory

Effective December 11, 2023, the Tennessee Department of Health Division of Laboratory Services at the Knoxville Regional Laboratory is discontinuing Cepheid Xpert® Xpress CoV2/Flu/RSV testing. Diagnostic testing for SARS-CoV-2 is offered by many commercial and reference laboratories if an alternative testing site is needed. SARS-CoV-2 sequencing for surveillance purposes will continue to be performed at the Nashville Central Laboratory.

Questions regarding this change in services may be directed to the Interim Knoxville Regional Laboratory Director, Dr. Kara Levinson (Kara.Levinson@tn.gov).

Thank you for your continued partnership.



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