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TO:	AHS Medical Officers of Health; AHS Public Health Zone Operational Leadership; First Nations and Inuit Health Branch Medical Officers of Health; AHS Continuing Care Medical and Operational Leadership; AHS Zone Emergency Operations Centres
FROM:	Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) – Public Health Laboratory
RE:	Requesting mobile COVID-19 testing services for outbreak response

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Key Message:

- Effective immediately, all requests for Aceso Medical mobile COVID-19 ID NOW and Panbio testing, herein referred to as “Mobile Testing”, to support outbreak response must be submitted using a central online intake form available at <https://is.gd/mobilecovid>. This replaces previous processes of working directly with local contacts or the vendor.
- A central team will approve, triage and sequence deployments within scope of Mobile Testing and provide an update within one business day.
- Scheduling and capacity conflicts will be referred to zone on-call Medical Officer of Health for prioritization.
- Out of scope requests will be validated and reviewed by the cross-functional COVID-19 Mobile Testing steering committee.

Background:

- In December 2020 a pilot project deploying Mobile Testing to Continuing Care sites in Edmonton and Central Zones commenced. This pilot offered contracted mobile units to setup at specific sites and conduct testing on site using ID NOW or Panbio point of care tests.
- The pilot has been operationalized to have units available for deployment in Calgary, Central, Edmonton and North Zones for outbreak situations at Congregate Living, Continuing Care, First Nations communities and workplaces.
- Increasing volume and complexity of requests has necessitated institution of a central intake, tracking and deployment process.

Actions required:

- When Mobile Testing support is required at an outbreak site, complete the online intake form available at <https://is.gd/mobilecovid>

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