

<b>DATE:</b>	25 November 2024
<b>TO:</b>	Clinical Adult/Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Physicians and Nurses, Immunodeficiency Physicians, University of Alberta Hospital: Healthcare Providers and Physicians, Lethbridge Regional Hospital, Medicine Hat Regional Hospital
<b>FROM:</b>	James Maruca, Flow Cytometry Supervisor: Calgary Zone
<b>RE:</b>	<b>Flow Cytometry Mitogen Stimulation Assay (MSA) and Lymphocyte Activation Marker (LAM) Testing – Holiday Schedule</b>

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### Key Message

- The Flow Cytometry Laboratory (South Sector) will be closed on December 25 - 26, 2024 and January 01, 2025, for statutory holidays.
- Samples will not be processed for MSA and LAM testing from December 16 – 27, 2024.
- Regular scheduled testing will resume on Monday, December 30, 2024

### Background

- Mitogen testing is processed once per week and takes several days to process. Due to the statutory holidays, testing will not be available for the days from December 16 - 27, 2024.

### How this will impact you

- MSA and LAM testing will not be available December 16 - 27, 2024.

### Action Required

- **Do not** collect or send samples for MSA or LAM testing to the Flow Cytometry Department from December 16 - 27, 2024.

**Effective**      **December 16, 2024**

### Questions/Concerns

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