



Date: December 8, 2020
To: All Physicians and Healthcare Providers
From: Alberta Precision Laboratories and DynaLIFE Medical Labs
Re: Access to Laboratory Mobile Collection Services

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Key Message:

- Please reserve Mobile Collection Services for patients who meet our eligibility requirements and require urgent laboratory services.
- Provincial guidelines now require all patients collected at home to wear a medical procedure mask.

Why this is Important:

- Protecting our patients and staff from COVID-19 while providing laboratory services to homebound patients is a priority. However, the need for enhanced PPE, point of care hazard assessments, and increasing numbers of patients on contact and droplet precautions have significantly reduced our efficiency.
- At the same time, we are experiencing higher demand and staff shortages due to mandatory isolation for community exposures. Together, these factors make it challenging to deliver timely mobile collection services to those urgently needing them.

Action Required:

- Limit requests for new Mobile Collection to patients that meet the Provincial Mobile Collections Services Eligibility Criteria:
 - Has had recent hospitalization and/or surgery that restricts travel outside of the home temporarily (max 4 weeks)
 - Has medical restrictions/health limitations that restricts travel outside of their home
 - Resides in a secured or designated supportive living environment
- When requesting set up for a new Mobile Collection patient, please notify them that they will be required to wear a medical procedure mask, which we will supply.
 - Re-evaluate current Mobile Collection patients and remove those who no longer meet the criteria for this service.

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