

DATE:	2022 May 16
TO:	All Zones: Physicians, Nurses, and Healthcare Practitioners
FROM:	Alberta Precision Laboratories and DynaLIFE Medical Labs
RE:	APTIMA collection kit supply recovery for Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea testing in Alberta

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Key Message

- APTIMA swabs and urine collection kit supplies for *Chlamydia trachomatis* (CT) and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (GC) nucleic acid testing (NAT) have recovered to pre-pandemic inventory and availability levels.
- If not already occurring, clinicians can resume routine testing and screening patients for CT/GC.

Why this is important

- APTIMA swabs and urine collection kits were affected by the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on global supply chains; however, the manufacturer is now able to meet Alberta's supply demands.
- Clinicians may have limited testing or changed screening practices in order to prioritize collection kits and testing for CT/GC. Prioritization of testing to ration collection kits is no longer required.

Action required

- Order reasonable quantities of the collection kits to meet your facility or clinic testing needs and volumes. Do not stockpile inventory.
- North, South, Central and Edmonton Zones and DynaLIFE users should continue to order supplies through routine processes.
- Calgary and Calgary Rural locations should continue to use the AHS Central Procurement and Supply Management (CPSM) [APTIMA Collection Kits Supply Request Form](#) to order their APTIMA collection devices found on the APL website: [Testing Collection Supplies & Ordering | Alberta Precision Laboratories \(albertaprecisionlabs.ca\)](#). AHS and non-AHS facilities and clinics can order through this process. Cardinal Health will not resume distribution of APTIMA collection kits.
- Refer to the [APL Test Directory](#) for your zone or the [DynaLIFE Test Directory](#) for more information on collection of specimens for CT/GC testing.

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