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TO:	Clinical Adult/Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Physicians and Nurses, Immunodeficiency Physicians, Edmonton U of A – Client Services, Edmonton DynaLife, Lethbridge Regional Hospital, Medicine Hat Regional Hospital
FROM:	James Maruca, Flow Cytometry Supervisor: Calgary Zone
RE:	Flow Cytometry Mitogen Stimulation Assay (MSA) and NK Cell degranulation (CD107a) testing – Holiday Schedule

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Key Message

- The Flow Cytometry Laboratory (South Sector) will be closed on December 25 - 26, 2023 and January 01, 2024 for statutory holidays.
- Samples will not be processed for MSA testing from December 18, 2023 - January 01, 2024.
- Regular scheduled testing will resume on Tuesday, January 02, 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 weeks from December 18, 2023 - January 01, 2024.

How this will impact you

- MSA testing will not be available December 18, 2023 - January 02, 2024.

Action Required

- **Do not** collect or send samples for MSA testing to the Flow Cytometry Department from December 18, 2023 - January 01, 2024.

Effective December 18, 2023

Questions/Concerns

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Effective September 1, 2023, APL has become the sole provider of all public lab services in Alberta. As a result, community lab services formally provided by DynaLIFE Medical Labs will become the responsibility of Alberta Precision Labs (APL). This change impacts all zones.