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To: Clinical Adult/Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Physicians and Nurses,
Immunodeficiency Physicians, U of A – Client Services, DynaLIFE, Chinook Regional
Hospital, Medicine Hat Regional Hospital
From: Karen McCullough, Flow Cytometry Supervisor, South Sector
Re: Flow Cytometry Mitogen Stimulation Assay (MSA) Testing – Holiday Schedule
Flow Cytometry Holiday Hours

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Key Message:

- The Flow Cytometry Laboratory, South Sector will be **closed** on December 25, 26, and 28, 2020, and January 1, 2021 for statutory holidays.
- Samples will not be processed for MSA testing during the weeks of December 21-27, 2020 and December 28-January 03, 2021.
- Regular scheduled testing will resume on Monday, January 4, 2020.

Why this is Important:

- MSA testing will not be available December 21, 2020-January 3, 2021.
- Be aware of holiday hours when ordering time sensitive tests.

Background:

- Samples for MSA testing are processed and set up on Thursdays. As the lab will be closed on the statutory holidays, MSA testing will not be available for the weeks of December 21-27, 2020, and December 28-January 1, 2021.

Action Required:

- **Do not** collect or send samples for MSA testing to the Flow Cytometry Department between December 21, 2020-January 3, 2021.

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