

<b>DATE:</b>	4 March 2024
<b>TO:</b>	All Zones
<b>FROM:</b>	Microbiology, APL
<b>RE:</b>	New Community Microbiology Requisition

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### Key Message

- **Effective March 4, 2024**, a new provincial requisition is available for community microbiology testing in all zones.
- **Microbiology Requisition – 20571 (version Rev2024-02)** can be accessed:
  - online at [Requisitions | Alberta Precision Laboratories](#)
  - via usual APL distribution channels (e.g., Supply Ordering Portal)
  - via EMR vendors (updated versions have been provided)

### Background

- Previously, several requisitions were in-use across the province for Microbiology.
- This provincial Microbiology Requisition includes recent test changes and aligns with Connect Care terminology.

### How this will impact you

- A new Microbiology Requisition is available for most community microbiology tests.
- There are no changes to orders placed in Connect Care (Epic).
- There are no changes to ordering of Public Health Laboratory (ProvLab) tests.

### Action Required

- **Begin using Microbiology Requisition – 20571** (version Rev2024-02).
  - Ensure all sections of the requisition are completed, including requested test, specimen source and history (as required). Failure to provide required information may cause testing delays or test cancellation.
- **Discard all outdated microbiology requisitions**, including APL, DynaLIFE and Calgary Laboratory Services (CLS) branded requisitions.

### 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.*



Important - Form is used for regular and downtime use. Bold and italicized fields contain critical data elements that must be reconciled for downtime.

Form sections: Patient, Provider(s), Collection, Urine, Respiratory, Eyes and Ears, Wound Swabs, Stool, Parasites, Urogenital - Molecular (Aptima), Urogenital - Culture (ESwab), Blood, Fluid and Tissues, Fungal.