

DATE:	2021 May 20
TO:	Bonnyville Health Centre Physicians and Nursing Staff; Dr. Mannion
FROM:	Wendy Corbiere, Director Rural Laboratories, Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL)
RE:	Routine Microbiology Testing - Bonnyville Healthcare Centre and Glendon

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Key Message

- Effective **May 20, 2021**, all referred in **routine microbiology testing from Bonnyville Healthcare Centre and Glendon** will be sent to the DynaLife Diagnostics in Edmonton for testing for an indeterminate time. This is due to the evolving situation with COVID-19 and to support pandemic planning.
- This service change will not impact patients receiving COVID-19 testing or our overall testing capacity for COVID-19 in the Zone.
- This change is in addition to the sites that were removed February 1, 2021:
 - Smoky Lake
 - St. Paul
 - Elk Point
 - Cold Lake
 - Lac La Biche
 - Vilna
 - Thorhild
 - Radway
- This service change will continue to be evaluated as the COVID-19 pandemic evolves.

How this will impact you

- Patients will not experience any change. Samples will still be collected at the local site and samples transported to Edmonton. Impact turnaround times for reporting results will be minimal.

Action Required

- Change to specimen collection for stool samples will be required. Please see the [DynaLife May 2019 Laboratory Bulletin](#). Refer to the Laboratory Test Directory for stool sample collection and handling instructions. [Stool for Bacterial Pathogens](#)

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Questions/Concerns

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