

DATE:	29 May 2023
TO:	All Physicians
FROM:	Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) – Public Health Laboratory
RE:	Stop Phoning Hepatitis B Surface Antigen (HBsAg) Confirmed Results

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Key Message

- As of March 28, 2023, Hepatitis B Surface Antigen results are no longer phoned to the submitter.
- Results will continue to be available on NetCare and sent to the submitter as per usual.
- Turn-around-time will not be affected.

Background

- Previously, submitters would receive a call from ProvLab if the Hepatitis B Surface Antigen (HBsAg) is confirmed to be positive. Due to the high volume of calls and the challenges of lab capacity, it is no longer feasible to call for each of the positive HBsAg results.

Action Required

- No action will be required.

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