

Date: July 29, 2019
To: Physicians
From: Alberta Public Laboratories (APL)
Re: Anticipated Delays in Molecular Pathology Testing – North Sector

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Key Message:

- Due to the demands of Connect Care validation/preparation, unanticipated staff turnover, replacement training, and summer vacation, Molecular Pathology is experiencing considerable staffing challenges. As a result testing will be triaged, where non-urgent testing will be processed on delayed schedule. We anticipate this will last until at least mid-October, 2019. All tests will be run as quickly as possible given current staffing levels. If there are urgent clinical requests, we urge you to contact the molecular pathologist on service at 780-407-2717. We apologize for any delay, your patience and understanding are deeply appreciated.

Why this is important:

- Testing of cancer samples in the Molecular Pathology Laboratory – North Sector may be delayed.

Action Required:

- Urgent clinical requests should be discussed with the molecular pathologist on service at 780-407-2717 to facilitate testing.

Inquiries and feedback may be directed to:

- Molecular pathologist on service – 780-407-2717 or
- Dr. Cheryl Mather, Molecular Pathology Clinical Lead – 780-445-3219

This bulletin has been reviewed and approved by:

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