

Date: October 7, 2019
To: All Physicians, Medical Officers of Health (MOH), WHS and OHS
From: Alberta Public Laboratories (APL)
Re: New Standardized and Dedicated Blood and Body Fluid Exposure (BBFE) Requisition

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Key Messages:

- A single dedicated Provincial Blood and Body Fluid Exposure (BBFE) Requisition is now available.
- Source, or Exposed persons, and all BBFE-related follow-up testing (for community or occupational exposures) can be requested using the same new BBFE requisition.
- Follow-up testing using this requisition will not be cancelled by the laboratory.

Background:

- A new BBFE requisition was created to reflect changes to testing recommendations for those involved in blood and body fluid incidents.
- Testing panels were standardized provincially to streamline testing and ensure all individuals receive the same level of care.
- There were challenges with follow-up PCR testing being cancelled when it was not clear in the laboratory that a patient had been involved in a BBFE due to incomplete information on requisitions.

Actions Required:

- For persons involved in a BBFE, whether they are the source or the exposed individual, and whether it is a community (non-occupational) or occupational exposure, use the [New BBFE Requisition](#) and send samples directly to the Public Health Laboratory (ProvLab)
 - The requisition will also be placed on the APL Forms & Requisitions page: <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/lab/Page3320.aspx>

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