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To: Clients of the Provincial Laboratory for Public Health (ProvLab)

From: Provincial Laboratory for Public Health (ProvLab)

Re: Update of Guide to Services

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Key Messages:

The Provincial Laboratory for Public Health (Microbiology) and the Division of Medical Microbiology at the University of Alberta Site (ProvLab) are pleased to announce that an updated version of the Guide to Services (Version 5.0) is now available on the ProvLab website at <http://www.provlab.ab.ca/guide-to-services.pdf>.

The Guide contains information on appropriate sampling, use of collection devices, and transport requirements for specimens submitted to ProvLab for microbiology testing for diagnostic and reference services, outbreak investigations, and public health programs from throughout the province. Every effort has been made to provide an all-inclusive list of disease processes and associated specimen collection guidelines so that laboratory investigations are complete and timely for optimal patient care and population health.

Hyperlinks are present in the document's Table of Contents and other sections to facilitate information searches and enhance utility.

The Guide to Services is a controlled document and will be updated on a regular basis. Uncontrolled print copies are valid only for 5 days from print date. **Please destroy all former versions of this document.**

Questions & Comments:

We welcome your comments and suggestions for improvement. Please address your feedback to the Webmaster at WebmasterProvlab@albertahealthservices.ca or by phone at 780-407-3303.

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