

Date: May 20, 2016

To: All Zones - Nursing, Physicians, Medical Officers of Health and Laboratories

From: Provincial Laboratory for Public Health (ProvLab)

Re: Transition to New Zoonotic Serology Requisition – FINAL REMINDER of Notice to Change on 1st June, 2016.

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Key Messages:

- The ProvLab has developed a requisition specific for ordering arbovirus and zoonotic serology tests, posted on the Provlab website at http://www.provlab.ab.ca/requisition_history_form.htm and on the Alberta Health Services website at <http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/lab/Page3320.aspx>.
- After the transition period, ending 31st May, 2016, either testing at ProvLab or referral of tests to other laboratories *will not be performed if this requisition is sent with no or incomplete clinical information/test requests*.
- As this requisition will be regularly revised in response to the availability of testing for various pathogens you are strongly advised to print only sufficient copies for your immediate needs; hard copies will not be available from the ProvLab.
- A companion document “Zoonotic Testing Supplement” posted at <http://www.provlab.ab.ca/education.htm> provides current and detailed information on distribution and clinical information of these etiologic agents.
- **Note:** *Users of Sunrise Clinical Manager (SCM) within the Acute Care Calgary Tertiary Facilities should continue to use SCM when ordering. However ordering screens are currently being revised to reflect similar changes.*

Action Required:

- As of 1st June, all requests for zoonotic agents must come on the ProvLab Zoonotic Serology requisition, NOT Virology/Serology requisitions OR any other community laboratory requisition.
- Older hard copy versions of the Viral History Form should also be discarded, as they will no longer be accepted.

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