

Date: February 25, 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 – Three Month Interim Period of Notice to Change

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Key Messages:

- The ProvLab has developed a requisition specific for ordering arbovirus and zoonotic serology tests which will be phased in over the following three months (March 01, to May 31).
- After the transition period, 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.*
- The Zoonotic Serology requisition pdf is 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>
- As this requisition will be 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.*

Action Required:

- Visit the websites listed above, download the Zoonotic Requisition and familiarize yourself with its format and required information boxes.
- Discontinue using the ProvLab Virology/Serology requisition to order these tests as these requisitions are being updated to reflect these changes.
- As of June 01, 2016, all requests for zoonotic agents must come on the Zoonotic requisition, therefore previous hard copy versions of the Viral History Form should be discarded.

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