



Date: June 29, 2020
To: All Zones
From: Genetics & Genomics, Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL)
Re: Turnaround time for HFE-related Hemochromatosis Molecular Genetic Testing

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Key Message:

- Molecular Genetic testing is undertaken in individuals suspected of having, or at risk of inheriting a predisposition to, HFE-related Hemochromatosis
- To ensure a more cost effective and sustainable test, hemochromatosis will be run in larger batches which alters the turnaround time for routine testing from 15 days to 28 days
- This change will take effect immediately

Why this is important:

- Previously the turnaround time for routine molecular HFE-related Hemochromatosis was 15 days, the turnaround time will now be 28 days
- When required rush/stat testing turnaround time is 1-2 weeks

Action Required:

- Be aware of the increase in turnaround time
- Refer to the [APL Test Directory](#) for requisition, collection and handling information

Inquiries and feedback may be directed to:

- Laboratory Genetic Counsellors, North 780-407-1015
- Laboratory Genetic Counsellors, South 403-955-3097
- For further information about hemochromatosis, see the [HFE-associated Hemochromatosis brochure](#)

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