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

**From:** AHS Laboratory Services, Provincial Laboratory for Public Health (ProvLab) and Calgary Laboratory Services

**Re:** Update on Laboratory Testing for Patients Under Investigation for Ebola Virus

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**Key Messages:**

- The Ebola outbreak in Africa in 2014-15 was unprecedented. In Alberta, thorough plans were prepared and used for responding to patients under investigation for Ebola.
- Throughout 2015, both ProvLab and Calgary Laboratory Services implemented additional testing services available for testing patients under investigation for Ebola, in particular with respect to expanded hematology and chemistry testing.
- All information related to laboratory testing of persons under investigation for Ebola can be found at <http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page10597.aspx> .
- Links to Ebola related testing can also be found in both the ProvLab and Calgary Laboratory Services guides to service:  
<http://www.provlab.ab.ca/guide-to-services.pdf>  
<http://www.calgarylabservices.com/lab-services-guide/lab-tests/>

**Why this is important:**

- Although the likelihood of dealing with patients under investigation for Ebola is extremely low, the laboratories will maintain the capacity to undertake microbiology, hematology and chemistry testing.

**Action Required:**

- As per established processes, all cases of suspected Ebola virus disease must be reported **immediately** to the on-call Zone MOH.

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