

Date: January 31, 2012

To: Central Zone and North Zone (see list of affected sites)
Physicians, Nurses and Laboratory Directors and Managers

From: AHS Laboratory Services
North Zone - St. Therese Health Care Centre Laboratory, St. Paul

Re: Change of service provider for Ova and Parasite testing

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Key Messages:

- The St. Therese Health Care Centre Laboratory in St. Paul will discontinue Ova and Parasite testing (O&P) effective February 13, 2012.
- All future specimens requiring O&P testing will be forwarded to the Provincial Laboratory for Public Health (ProvLab) for processing.

Sites affected by this transition:

| Former Aspen | Former East Central |
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| Athabasca Healthcare Centre | Hardisty Health Centre |
| Bonnyville Healthcare Centre | Lamont Healthcare Centre |
| Boyle Healthcare Centre | Mannville Care Centre |
| Cold Lake Healthcare Centre | Mundare (Mary Immaculate Hospital) |
| Elk Point Healthcare Centre | Myrnam Collection Site |
| Glendon Community Health Services | Provost Health Centre |
| Lac La Biche (William J. Cadzow Healthcare Centre) | Two Hills Health Centre |
| Saddle Lake Community Health Services | Vegreville (St. Joseph's General Hospital) |
| Smoky Lake (George McDougall Healthcare Centre) | Vermillion Health Centre |
| St. Paul (St. Therese Healthcare Centre) | Wainwright Health Centre |
| Vilna Community Health Services | Willingdon Collection Site |

Action required:

- Complete the ProvLab Culture & Serology Requisition CH-0039 indicating the test requested. This requisition will need to include a patient clinical and travel history.
- Obtain specimen collection kits through the local laboratory or by contacting the ProvLab Distribution Centre at 780-407-8971.
- Continue to use current stock until depleted.
- Follow your current routine transportation processes for specimen referral to ProvLab.

Inquiries or feedback may be directed to:

- Karen Wanchuk, St. Paul Laboratory Supervisor 780-645-1719, ext. 2177 or
- Sandra Simard, St. Paul Laboratory Manager 780-342-8605

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