



LABORATORY BULLETIN

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**To: Physician Colleagues ordering HBV DNA Testing AND
Blood Collection sites in Alberta**

Re: HBV DNA Testing – TEMPORARY Specimen Collection Changes

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With a view to provide the highest quality diagnostic laboratory services, we are requesting the following temporary changes when **collecting blood for HBV DNA testing**:

1. Collect 1 (one) SST and 1 (one) EDTA tube. The Provincial Laboratory is transitioning from one testing platform to another which requires this temporary change in the number and type of collection tubes. This platform change, in the long term, will improve turn around times for HBV DNA results.
2. To remind collection site personnel to obtain the required specimens, please print out the following on a sticker and attach to requisitions:

<p>FOR HBV DNA PCR collect:</p> <p>1 SST</p> <p>1 EDTA</p>

3. Please ensure this change in collection is applied to patients with standing orders.

Please contact the Provincial Laboratory for Public Health (Microbiology) at 780-407-7121 in Edmonton or 403-944-1200 in Calgary with any questions regarding specimen collection. Policy questions regarding the above transition can be directed to Dr. George Zahariadis.

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