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To: Laboratory Directors and Managers
Medical Officers of Health
Alberta Health and Wellness
Infectious Disease Specialists

Re: West Nile Virus Diagnostic Testing – Update for 2009

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West Nile virus diagnostic testing 2009 commences 1st June 2009

West Nile virus (WNV) acute diagnostic testing is available routinely from June 1st – October 30th (outside this time testing is only for those with travel history). Such testing will proceed in 2009, as for 2007 and 2008, using nucleic acid amplification tests (NATs) and serology (IgM, IgG and avidity testing).

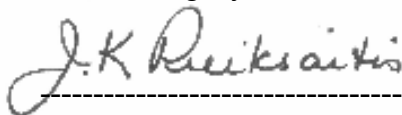
The following documents will provide more detailed information:

- WNV Testing 2009 (attached)
- WNV Lab Test Interpretation 2009 (attached)
- Arbovirus History Form (attached)

The above listed documents can also be found under “West Nile Virus” at www.provlab.ab.ca (under Services/ Education).

For further advice and consultation please contact the Virologist (VOC) -on-call:

Edmonton Site – Ph: 780-407-8822 (UAH Switchboard) or
780-407-7121 (Laboratory) (ask for VOC)
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