



# Eastern Health

## MEMORANDUM

**FROM:** MEDICAL DIRECTOR, PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY

**RE:** Occupational Exposure Source (OES) Testing

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Please be advised, after review of Provincial and International Guidelines the Public Health Laboratory (PHL) will be offering the following serological testing panel for Occupational Exposure testing of the source patient.

Effective April 11th, the standard Occupational Exposure Source (OES) Testing includes the following tests:

- Hepatitis B Surface Antigen
- HIV Screen
- Hepatitis C virus (HCV) antibody

The above tests will be automatically performed when requesting OES testing.

**Note for High Risk Sources:**

When clinically indicated, HCV RNA testing can be ordered. Clinical indications include, but are not limited to, source patients who are intravenous drug users, residents of a penitentiary or in individuals who have signs of hepatitis and in whom anti-HCV serology is non-reactive.

**For additional information, check [www.publichealthlab.ca](http://www.publichealthlab.ca) or contact the PHL.  
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