



Eastern Health

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Physicians, Public Health Department Staff, Regional Health Authority Executive Teams

FROM: Provincial Public Health and Microbiology Laboratory Services (PHML), Eastern Health

RE: *PHML Move*

Starting August 22, 2016, and over the next several months, the Public Health and Microbiology Laboratory at the Dr. Leonard A. Miller Center (LAMC) will be entering the final phases of a renovation project aimed at consolidating Public Health and Microbiology laboratory services.

During this time, diagnostic assay equipment will need to be relocated. As part of this transition process, every effort will be made to minimize any disruptions to testing of specimens and reporting results for assays currently performed at the PHML LAMC site.

Following this transition which is expected to be completed by mid-fall, the PHML Health Sciences Center (HSC) Microbiology laboratory will be moving to the LAMC site. Transfer of equipment will need to take place requiring down-time that may result in some delays to process specimens and report results.

Much pre-planning and preparation has occurred and will continue until this consolidation is complete and every effort is being made to avoid or minimize impact to patient care. There, however, will likely be some delays and potential interruptions.

In the event there is a critical and urgent specimen that needs priority processing, physicians are requested to contact the Microbiologist-On-Call through the Eastern Health paging operator.

Please direct any questions or concerns to Dr. Jessica Kafka, Laboratory Operations Manager (709-777-2182) or Dr. George Zahariadis, Director and Chief, Public Health and Microbiology Laboratory Services (709-777-7233).

Sincerely,

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