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MEMORANDUM

FROM: NL PROVINCIAL PUBLIC HEALTH MICROBIOLOGY LABORATORY
TO: ALL HEALTHCARE WORKERS IN NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR
RE: GENERAL RESPIRATORY TESTING
DATE: FEBRUARY 24, 2021

The very high volume of COVID-19 tests requests that were associated with the B117 SARS-CoV2 Variant outbreak in the St. John's Metro area have plateaued and decreased significantly over the last several days.

In light of this, the full respiratory panel will be done at the PHML as per established policy i.e. inpatients, residents of personal care homes and long term care facilities, and when clinically indicated with microbiologist-on-call consultation etc.

As per established practice, questions and requests can be directed to the Microbiologist on Call through hospital locating at 709-777-6300 or microbiologistoncall@easternhealth.ca.

Questions related to this memorandum can be directed to the PHML Director's Office at 709-777-7233 or melissa.skinner@easternhealth.ca.

