



# Eastern Health **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** All Ordering Providers  
**FROM:** Public Health Microbiology Laboratory, Eastern Health  
**DATE:** February 20, 2023  
**RE:** Disruption in Routine Serology Laboratory Testing

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The Public Health Microbiology Laboratory advises on an unanticipated disruption in routine serology testing. An unexpected reduction in on-hand inventory now requires the laboratory to reserve limited inventory for 'high priority' testing until adequate inventory levels are reached.

Delays in the following routine serology tests can be expected:

- Hepatitis A, B, C
- HIV
- Syphilis
- Rubella
- CMV
- Toxoplasma gondii
- EBV
- HTLV

Indications deemed high-priority for serology testing include;

- organ or stem cell donation/recipient;
- oncology or other immunocompromising conditions;
- exposure and high-risk perinatal (third-trimester pregnancy/newborns) screening.

Where an ordering provider identifies a need for urgent serology testing outside of those listed as 'high priority'; based on the need for clinical intervention and where an immediate result is likely necessary, please contact the Microbiologist on-call through hospital locating at (709) 777-6300.

The laboratory will provide further communication on the resumption of routine testing capacity, as inventory restocking is expected the week of February 27.

Sincerely

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