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MEMORANDUM

FROM: PUBLIC HEALTH MICROBIOLOGY LABORATORY
TO: ALL FACILITIES AND EXTERNAL AGENCIES COLLECTING LABORATORY SPECIMENS
RE: SPECIMEN COLLECTION FOR HEPATITIS DIAGNOSIS/ SCREENING (HEPDX) PANEL
DATE: MAY 11, 2023

Early confirmation of Hepatitis C supports evidence-based practice and prevention efforts and provides earlier opportunities for treatment. To support these recommendations, the Public Health Microbiology Laboratory (PHML) is implementing the following change relating to specimen collection instructions; to ensure sample volume meets the minimal requirements for Hepatitis Diagnosis/ Screening (HEPDX) panel and further applicable supplemental or reflex testing for Hepatitis C.

Effective Friday, May 12, 2023, all laboratory requests for the Hepatitis Diagnosis/ Screening (HEPDX) panel will now require the collection of two 3.5 ml Serum Separation Tubes (SST).

Sincerely

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