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DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES

Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services

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The Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services (DCLS) strives to promote a healthier, safer world through quality laboratory service. DCLS performs laboratory testing under several accreditation standards including the federally regulated Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) promulgated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Per CLIA regulation §493.1232 Standard: Specimen Identification and Integrity, DCLS must comply with the specimen collection, holding, shipping and integrity guidelines provided in package inserts for FDA-approved test methods.

All samples submitted to DCLS for human testing must include the patient's name, patient's date of birth, the date and time of collection.

Beginning Monday August 24th 2026 DCLS will reject any specimen that does not meet the date and time of collection requirements.

DCLS reserves the right to reject any specimen that does not meet preanalytical collection requirements, including those listed above as well as temperature and specimen receipt requirements.

We appreciate your understanding and ask for your support in helping us achieve the highest quality standards for the Commonwealth's laboratory testing.

Sincerely,

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