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# Memo

**To:** North Carolina Local Health Departments; Communicable Disease Nurses

**From:** Rebecca S. Pelc, Ph.D., Virology/Serology Unit Manager *RSP 06/13/2020*

**CC:** Regional Consultants; HIV/STD Prevention and Care Unit

**Date:** June 13, 2020

**Re:** CT/GC Testing Method Change

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Effective, June 15, 2020, the North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health will transition to the Hologic Panther instrument platform for *Chlamydia trachomatis* (CT)/*Neisseria gonorrhoea* (GC) testing. There will be no change to specimen collection or submission procedures.

The new platform will continue to utilize the Aptima Combo 2 Assay but will enable NCLSPH to consolidate testing equipment. In addition, extragenital testing will now be run as an FDA-cleared specimen type. You may notice minor formatting changes to results reports and we appreciate your patience during this transition.

Please contact Mark Turner at 919-807-8865 or [mark.turner@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:mark.turner@dhhs.nc.gov) with any questions or concerns about this change.

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