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Memo

То:	Submitters to the North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health
From:	William A. Glover, PhD, D (ABMM), MT (ASCP), Assistant Director for Infectious Diseases
Date:	November 3, 2023
Re:	Updates to NCSLPH Hepatitis A and B Testing Panels

The North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health (NCSLPH) Virology/Serology Unit is preparing to transition Hepatitis A and B testing from the Abbott Architect i2000 to the Abbott Alinity i platform. In addition to new test platforms, the NCSLPH Hepatitis A and B testing panels have been updated to better align with the <u>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 2023 Screening and Testing Recommendations for Hepatitis B</u>.

There are no changes to specimen collection, storage, handling, or transport procedures associated with the new testing platform and panels. However, as a result of the change in testing panels, a new Hepatitis Serology Specimen Submission Form will be released prior to the transition.

A webinar to review the details of the transition for Hepatitis A and B testing at NCSLPH will be held at 1 PM on November 13, 2023. Please ensure a representative from your facility attends this session. Attendees can register for the webinar <u>here</u>.

Please contact Rebecca S. Pelc, PhD, Virology/Serology Unit Manager, 919-807-8868 with any questions prior to the webinar.

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