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Memo

To: Submitters of Clinical Specimens to the North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health

From: Scott M. Shone, PhD, HCLD(ABB), Director, State Laboratory of Public Health

Date: July 5, 2023

Re: SARS-CoV-2 Testing

Effective immediately, the North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health (SLPH) will test all specimens received for SARS-CoV-2 testing using the CDC Influenza SARS-CoV-2 Multiplex Assay only. This test detects SARS-CoV-2 and influenza A and B in designated clinical specimens. Testing at SLPH is authorized for patients with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and those with recent exposures. SLPH will not perform asymptomatic screening. There are no changes to specimen collection or submission procedures related to this change. Submitters should continue to order testing through the SLPH Electronic Test Orders and Results ([ETOR](#)) system. For more guidance about testing, refer to the [CDC website](#).

For questions about ETOR, please contact slph.etor@dhhs.nc.gov. For additional information about testing at SLPH, please refer to [SCOPE](#) or call SLPH Customer Service at 919-733-3937.

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