

Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Memorandum

To: Physicians and Health Service Directors, Central Zone

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Subject: **Restarting of Some Laboratory Testing in Central Zone**

Effective immediately, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine in Central Zone will restart the following testing that was suspended in December 2021 during the fourth wave surge in COVID-19 testing.

- Hemoglobin A1C
- Urinalysis
- Antibody titres
- Cold agglutinins
- Thermal amplitudes

The following tests will continue to be suspended to support the staff reassignment required for COVID-19 testing:

- RBC Folate
- Fecal Occult Blood
- Male fertility testing

The following tests will continue to see extended turn around times:

- Non-urgent molecular testing
- Routine Pap screening

We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your understanding and cooperation. If there are circumstances that you believe require any of the above specimens to be processed, please contact the Technical Manager or Division Head for the respective discipline.