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An Important Message from Legacy Laboratory Services

Potential Delay: Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 by PCR

Legacy Laboratory Services has recently been informed by Roche Diagnostics that the company is experiencing manufacturing challenges in the production of consumables for the SARS-CoV-2 PCR test performed on the Cobas 6800. Roche Diagnostics anticipates these manufacturing constraints to remain in effect until early July.

The demand for SARS-CoV-2 PCR testing in our community remains high. To meet increased testing demand in light of this supply shortage the LLS Molecular Diagnostics department will be supplementing COVID-19 testing with an equivalent yet more manual method (RealStar® SARS-CoV-2 Test). The Roche SARS-CoV-2 PCR Test and the RealStar® SARS-CoV-2 Test have the same performance characteristics and methodology.

Prioritization of testing for various patient populations remains the same but we expect the possibility of longer turnaround times for specimen results. We ask that all clinical practices, especially those with pre-surgical patients anticipate that results will be available between 48-72 hours from specimen receipt in the laboratory.