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As commercial laboratories are beginning to perform the testing for COVID-19 and as your facility submits specimens and receives results from these laboratories, this letter is to remind that to maintain compliance with state regulation (902 KAR 2:020 Section 10: "Newly Recognized Infectious Agents, HAI Outbreaks, Emerging Pathogens, and Pathogens of Public Health Importance"-

<https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/kar/902/002/020.pdf>), **immediate reporting of positive specimens by telephone to KDPH is required.** If you are notified of a lab-positive result, please report the case by phone to the Reportable Disease Section of KDPH at 502-564-3261 and fax a completed EPID-200 Reportable Disease Form to secure fax at 502-696-3803

The Kentucky State Public Health Laboratory will continue to conduct COVID-19 testing for patients that meet criteria for public health significance as determined by Kentucky Department of Public Health. **All requests for state laboratory testing must be approved by KDPH prior to collection of specimens.** Call KDPH at 502-564-3261 during regular business hours or 888-973-7678 after hours and on weekends to determine if individuals meet the KDPH criteria, and obtain approval for testing.

We greatly appreciate your continued support and assistance with the 2019-Novel Coronavirus outbreak response throughout Kentucky.

Thank you.

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