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Dear Valued Provider,

Effective November 28, 2022, the Alaska State Public Health Laboratory in Anchorage (ASPHL) will route diagnostic and surveillance SARS-CoV-2 testing to the Alaska State Public Health Laboratory in Fairbanks (ASVL). Specimens may be directly shipped to ASVL or may continue to be routed through ASPHL. Testing will be performed in a timely manner with a turn-around-time of one (1) to three (3) days from receipt at ASVL. To avoid weekend testing delays, ASPHL will perform a limited amount of SARS-CoV-2 testing every Friday. Specimens must be received at ASPHL no later than 10:00 AM on Fridays to be included in the testing run.

Please do not hesitate to contact the laboratory with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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