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To: Our Valued Providers

From: Alaska State Public Health Laboratories

**RE: Recommendations for shipments originating from southeast and gulf coast regions of Alaska**

Dear Valued Provider,

We understand that living in such a large state can make it challenging to send specimens to the Alaska State Virology Laboratory (ASVL) in Fairbanks promptly. To address this, we have a new recommendation for those in the southeast and gulf coast regions of Alaska (including Juneau, Petersburg, Skagway, Sitka, Ketchikan, Soldotna, Kenai, Homer, and nearby areas).

**Please send all specimens directly to the Anchorage State Public Health Laboratory (ASPHL).** From there, our team will ensure that specimens for hepatitis, HIV, measles, mumps, rubella, varicella zoster, herpes simplex, and respiratory surveillance are transferred to ASVL for testing. Our two public health laboratories in Alaska exchange boxes nearly every day of the workweek and we feel this may speed up shipping and receiving times for our southeast and gulf coast partners.

This recommendation is intended to simplify the shipping process and help maintain the quality of your specimens.

Feel free to contact either laboratory if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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