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Subj: Pyrazinamide testing for tuberculosis

The Alaska State Public Health Laboratories in Anchorage have ceased the reporting of results for pyrazinamide (PZA) susceptibility testing for *M. tuberculosis* complex isolates. An investigation is underway by the manufacturer of this product as several laboratories nationwide are experiencing QC failures with testing.

As soon as the issue has been resolved, we will begin reporting out PZA results. Thank you for your patience during this time. Please contact the laboratory if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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