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To: Lindsey Kato, Director of Public Health

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Subject: Notification of expanded measles testing capacity

This communication is meant to notify the Division of Public Health as well as our health care providers that the Alaska State Public Health Laboratories have expanded their capacity to test measles suspect cases. To inquire about measles testing, **please first contact the Section of Epidemiology at 907-269-8000 during business hours** or 1-800-478-0084 during non-business hours. If the Anchorage Laboratory capacity is exceeded on any day, specimens will be transferred to the State Virology Laboratory for processing.

Table. State of Alaska Measles Testing Sites

Laboratory	Anchorage State Public Health Laboratory	Alaska State Virology Laboratory
Location	5455 Dr. MLK Jr. Ave Anchorage, AK 99507	1051 Sheenjek Drive Fairbanks, AK 99775
Capability	Measles PCR (1 day turnaround time*)	Measles PCR (1 day turnaround time*) Measles IgG (1-3-day turnaround time*)
Capacity	50 specimens per day Availability: M-F, 8am – 4:30pm Afterhours, if needed	300+ specimens per day Availability: M-F, 8am – 4:30pm Afterhours, if needed
Contact	907-334-2100 during business hours 1-855-222-0957 afterhours (biothreat hotline)	907-371-1000 during business hours 1-855-371-1001 (option #6) afterhours

*Turnaround time is the time required to test and report once the lab receives the specimen. This time does not include transit.

Fees-for-Service:

Measles testing at the state public health laboratories is sustained by charging fees based on Medicaid reimbursement rates.

- Measles PCR testing is \$33.34 per specimen (CPT 87798)
- Measles IgG testing is \$12.24 per specimen (CPT 86765)
- **These fees are currently waived until further notice.**

Sincerely,

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