

# Client Update

February 2021 - COVID-19 INTERIM UPDATE

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## New COVID-19 Lab Reporting Requirements for New York State

### **Effective: Immediately; NYS ONLY**

Laboratory test information plays a crucial role in the public health response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The information below outlines some mandatory new reporting requirements regarding the ordering of all COVID-19 testing. This additional data will contribute to understanding COVID-19's impact and testing coverage and identification of supply chain challenges for reagents and other materials. All providers in the State of New York who order COVID-19 testing, collect a specimen, or perform a laboratory test must make every reasonable effort to collect complete demographic information as well as responses to the "ask on order entry" (AOE) questions. Including these with test orders enable laboratories to report the information to the State of New York.

To expedite the ordering process, BioReference has loaded all required AOE's into our electronic ordering platform, InsightDx, and created a new paper requisition with the AOE's pre-printed just below the demographic information. Custom requisitions and pre-prints for COVID-19 testing will not be available.

In addition to required HHS AOE's, please see below for a list of questions that should be completed and submitted with the specimen:

1. ARE YOU A STUDENT, TEACHER OR STAFF AT A SCHOOL OR COLLEGE?
2. HAVE YOU BEEN PHYSICALLY PRESENT ON SCHOOL PREMISES IN THE PAST 7 DAYS?
3. WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE SCHOOL?
4. NAME OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT?
5. SCHOOL BEDS CODE?
6. SCHOOL ADDRESS?
7. NAME OF YOUR EMPLOYER?
8. YOUR OCCUPATION?
9. EMPLOYER ADDRESS?
10. EMPLOYER PHONE?

The submission of this information is valuable to track COVID-19 outbreaks and trends in an effort to control the spread of COVID-19 and bring the pandemic under control and keep our schools safe. Your assistance in the effort is much appreciated.