

Client Update

January 2022

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Test Name	Test Code	Effective Date										
COVID-19 Test Results	TH68	January 14, 2022										
<p>Effective January 14, 2022, Positive COVID-19 results will no longer be accompanied by a phone call notification from our customer service team unless contractually obligated. A secure email notification can be setup if an additional reporting avenue is needed beyond normal report delivery processes.</p> <p>Please contact your dedicated account representative if you would like to coordinate this type of notification or if you have any questions or concerns regarding this notice.</p>												
Frozen Specimens	N/A	Immediately										
<p>Please be reminded of the below instructions when preparing a frozen specimen pick-up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collect specimen according to the specimen collection requirements and label tube• Place specimen inside specimen bag with requisition and affix Blue FROZEN specimen label• Place specimen bag in freezer or freezer compartment if available• When ready for pick-up, select 'Specimen Pick-up' on the phone tree prompt to confirm you have a frozen specimen• Keep specimen frozen until courier arrives. If utilizing a lock-box, place specimen bag inside a pre-frozen Frozen Transport Container, and place full container inside the lock-box <p>To order Frozen specimen supplies, please contact customer service and reference the following supply order numbers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ice packs – Supply #904• Frozen specimen labels – Supply #975• Frozen transport container for specimen lock box – Supply #717												
PTH Related Protein	1324	Immediately										
<p>Due to changes at our reference laboratory, the reference range for PTH Related Protein has been updated from 14-27 pg/mL to 11-20pg/mL.</p>												
PSA reflex to Free PSA	M067	December 6, 2021										
<p>The reflex rule to add on Free PSA (fPSA) now fires when the Total PSA (tPSA) is ≥ 4 ng/mL. Previously, the reflex rule to add on Free PSA fired when the Total PSA was ≥ 1.5 ng/mL. This now aligns with the reference range for Total PSA (normal reference range is < 4ng/mL) and the reflex will now fire when the total PSA is abnormally elevated (≥ 4 ng/mL). Please refer to the table below for test information.</p>												
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REMINDER - Scarlet Health® for COVID-19 Test Collections	N/A	Immediately										
<p>If your patient is isolating due to exposure or having trouble finding a place to have their COVID-19 swab collected, Scarlet® phlebotomists make it easy by going directly to your patient to collect their specimen, at-home.</p> <p>If your practice is set up with Scarlet, simply add the Scarlet test code to the BioReference order. Alternately, you may give your patient a copy of their test order and they can schedule the Scarlet collection themselves at scarlethealth.com.</p> <p>Please contact your dedicated account representative or email hello@scarlethealth.com to learn more.</p>												
REMINDER - Oxidized LDL and Coag Oxidized LDL	3873 and A707	January 3, 2022										
<p>Please be reminded that effective January 3, 2022, Oxidized LDL (Code 3879) and Coag Oxidized LDL (Code A707) are no longer be available to order, and tests will not be performed if ordered after this date. The alternative suggested test(s) are LDL as part of a cholesterol panel; LDL, Direct (2194); or Apolipoprotein B (0457).</p>												

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